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LI MAKES APPEAL TO COMMUNISTS' LEADER Asks For Moderation In Demands To Nationalists EFFORT TO SAVE TALKS

Nanking, April 8.

The Acting President, General Li Tsung-jen, last night sent a telegram to the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, appealing for co-operation between the Communists and Nationalists in view of the present difficult international situation.

In a personal appeal to Mao for moderation of the Red "unconditional surrender" demands, President Li stressed the urgency for co-operation between the two parties "especially in view of the darkening international situation."

Trying to avoid collapse of the peace talks, President Li offered to take responsibility and punishment for any "historical mistakes" made by the Nationalist Government likely to affect the negotiations.

He told the Reds he is willing to be burned in oil or dismembered as a so-called war criminal if it will hasten the end of the civil war.

COMMUNIST TROOPS ON THE MOVE

Nanking, April 8.

More than 30,000 troops of General Chen Yi's Communist forces, following up their capture of Yichang last night, swung East along the North bank of the Yangtze today and were late this afternoon reported to be attacking Kwachow bridgehead, opposite Chinkiang, Nationalist stronghold 40 miles East of Nanking.

Heavy fighting is reported from Chinkiang to be going on at Shih-shih, on the Western perimeter of Kwachow.

Chinkiang reports also said that three regiments of the Nationalist bridgehead are preparing to withdraw South of the river.

Telephone lines are being disconnected and equipment packed up.

The ferry service between Chinkiang and Kwachow, which only resumed yesterday, was stopped again this morning.

So far, the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, which runs for 45 miles along the South bank of the Yangtze, has not been interrupted, although it is within Communist artillery range.

Nanking railway officials today said that passengers arriving from Shanghai along the line could distinctly hear gunfire from the North bank.

The Communist radio announced tonight that the People's Liberation Army, moving towards Hankow, important North bank Yangtze port in Hubei province, had taken Kwanyan, 50 miles North West of Hankow.

It was earlier reported that five divisions of Communists under General Lin Piao were moving rapidly down the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Nationalist reports in Shanghai admitted two days ago that Hwasyun was one of the many points abandoned by General Pao Chung-hsi's troops as they fell back on Hankow to avoid a clash with the advancing Red armies.—Reuter.

"I will accept without evasion the severest punishment," Acting President Li telegraphed Mao "even being burned in oil or dismembered as a so-called war criminal for past mistakes which are still hindering the peace."

President Li said that if they could co-operate all other questions could be easily settled.

He thought that the future of China should follow Sun Yat-sen's principles and that this was done it would be possible for the Nationalists to co-operate with the Communists and other democratic parties in constructing a new China.

The Chinese text of the telegram, which was delivered through General Chang Chih-ang, leader of the Nationalist delegation in Peiping, was released today by the Information Office.

"Step Further"

President Li said that since he assumed the post of Acting President, he has been anxious to secure peace without regard to difficulties.

He thought that his sincerity could be recognised by all Democratic party leaders, including the Communists.

Peace talks have already been resumed on the basis of your eight terms. In addition, we have acknowledged all our historical mistakes and I have even expressed my willingness to accept punishment as a war criminal."

President Li pointed out in his cable that the Government has already accepted the original peace terms as a basis for negotiations. "As one step further I gladly and willingly accept responsibility and punishment for historical mistakes likely to affect the peace negotiations, such as the war criminal issue," said the cable.

Included in the Communists' eight points, which amounted to virtual unconditional surrender of the Government, was a demand for the punishment of so-called war criminals. Among those named as war criminals were Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Acting President Li and virtually all the other senior Kuomintang Party leaders.

Only Desire

President Li pledged to Mao, Government co-operation with the Communists and other "democratic" elements in the reconstruction of a new China in accordance with the "immortal teachings" of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic.

The President said peace in China is his only desire and his sincerity is "as clear as white water."

The Prime Minister, General Ho Ying-chin, returned to Nanking today to face the critical situation created by the Communist demand for unconditional surrender for which the deadline is April 12 for a "yes" or "no" answer.

The Premier, who spent two days in Canton in an effort to rally the South China group behind the Government, plunged immediately into discussions with Acting President Li on the Communist surrender terms now threatening the Peiping peace talks with collapse.

A full dress meeting including all Nanking members of the 11-man super-peace negotiation steering committee is to be held tonight at the Presidential residence.

President Li has cabled the local commanders of North West, Central and South China, including the Moslem Governor of Ninghsia, Ma Hung-kwei, to come to Nanking for consultations on the tense situation.

Talks Doomed?

Latest information reveals no softening of the "commencing" Communist attitude for Nationalist surrender. At present the Government's efforts are under way to be devoted to directing its peace delegation in Peiping to persuade the Communists to retract their conditions, described by a high official source yesterday as "totally unacceptable and shockingly sweeping and drastic and beyond the scope of the original eight Communist terms."

Meanwhile, reading between the lines of the President's personal appeal to the Communists last night, it appears that the Reds are still insisting on the punishment of war criminals despite earlier reliable reports that they had consented to certain modifications.

Since the Communists formally revealed that their real desire is for a Kuomintang surrender and not peace with the Kuomintang, qualified observers generally agreed that the Peiping talks are virtually doomed unless as one Chinese source said, there is a last minute miracle change of heart on the part of the Communists.

One official source, declining as usual to reveal the nature of the Communist surrender terms, said they were such that places them outside the authority of both President Li and Premier Ho to accept. He said their acceptance and enforcement would require the unanimous consent of all authorities, central and local, in the country.

War To Resume?

One foreign observer commented that the Communist demands are un-Chinese and show the Communists more as Communists than Chinese.

Some legislators here are inclined to the view that the Communists, anticipating deliberately bargaining their price sky high so that in the event of concessions being made it would still be a good price.

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GENERAL KILLS HIMSELF

Nanking, April 8. The "China Times," quoting travellers from Peiping, today reported that one of the former North China commander, General Fu Tso-yi's, best army commanders, General An Chun-shan, committed suicide.

General An's 3rd Army was reorganised along with other Government forces in Peiping by the Communists as units of the "People's Liberation Forces." The motive of the suicide is not known.—United Press.

KING'S DOCTOR IN ACCIDENT

London, April 8. Sir Maurice Cassidy, the King's heart specialist, and Lady Cassidy were injured seriously last night when their car and a bus collided near Canterbury.

Representative Of Mr. Attlee Arrives



Sir Alvy Gascoigne, special representative of Britain's Prime Minister to General MacArthur, arrived here yesterday by Hong Kong Airways plane from Tokyo. Sir Alvy was met at Kai Tak by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. Originally Sir Alvy had planned to proceed on his way to the United Kingdom by BOAC plane after a few minutes between planes. However, on account of weather conditions altered his plans and Sir Alvy decided to stay over. He is expected to continue his journey home today. ("China Mail" Photo).

Ottawa Call For A Pacific Pact

Ottawa, April 8.

A call for the formation of a Pacific defence pact was sounded yesterday in the Canadian House of Commons.

Captain Howard Green, Opposition member, urged the Government to initiate talks with other countries leading to such a pact.

It is a matter of great concern to residents of the Dominion's West coast, he said. Captain Green declared that the threat to freedom is not confined to the area covered by the Atlantic Treaty in Asia, Russia is going ahead by leaps and bounds and it looks as though the USSR is winning there by default, he added.

"It might be that, while we are holding the front door by the Atlantic Pact, the back door has been left open," the Progressive Conservative member said.

Cevier advances in China "West Canada, because, if aggression comes, it may well develop in the Pacific and bring fighting on Canadian soil, he said.

"Canada is so vitally affected by what is going on in Asia that she should be taking the lead in the matter of a Pacific Pact."

Talks Possible

Such a pact could include the Atlantic Treaty nations as well as Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the Philippines, he suggested.

He wanted to know the Government's attitude toward such a pact. He also asked if it is true, as a recent press report suggested, that talks of this nature might develop from the forthcoming visit to Canada of Sir Frederick Shedden, Australian Defence Department Secretary.

In Tokyo yesterday the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, told the House of Councillors that permanent neutrality for Japan is doubtful.

Mr. Yoshida said that if a Pacific pact is drawn up in some form such as the Atlantic Pact, it will be impossible for Japan to join since she is unarmed.

If the aim of such a pact is to establish a basis for peace in the Far East, then Japan may be able to join under certain conditions, he said.—Associated Press and Reuter.

LANDSLIDE IN KOWLOON

One man was killed and two injured in a landslide at No. 7 Cemetery, Kowloon City, at 2 p.m. yesterday.

Immediately after the landslide, the Fire Brigade was summoned and extricated the three men. One of the men died on the way to Kowloon Hospital.

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SURPRISE HITCH IN BURMA SURRENDER

Rangoon, April 8.

The surrender of rebel Karen tribesmen did not take place today. Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the Karen National Union which has been fighting for an independent Karen state, did not show up to fulfil an agreement to surrender his forces.

Official Burma Government sources fear that dissidents among his followers may have made the Karen chief a prisoner, to avert the surrender.

There is no explanation from the rebel camp at Insein, a Northern suburb of Rangoon. There has been bloody fighting with the Karens at Insein since early February.

A three-day cease-fire agreement, negotiated as a preliminary to the surrender, expired at 10 a.m. The Burmese Army's high command withheld the signal for a renewal of the fighting.

There was sporadic shooting at Insein yesterday, but the town was quiet this morning.

Scout planes of the Burma Air Force circled above Insein after the 8.30 a.m. hour of surrender had passed without word from the Karens.

Saw Ba U Gyi announced yesterday that he had agreed to surrender his forces at Insein and on all other fighting fronts. He broadcast surrender orders to his followers by radio, and said they had agreed to comply.

Split Feared

A formal surrender ceremony was fixed for this morning, to be followed by the removal of Karen fighters from Insein to a Rangoon goal, which was cleared of other prisoners.

Burmese Government officials gathered at their army headquarters at Gyagon, a Rangoon suburb, and waited two hours and a half past the surrender hour before announcing that they feared a split among the Karen chief's followers had blocked the surrender.

The Karens have been in armed rebellion since January 31, demanding that the Government give them the richest agricultural and mineral production areas of Burma, including the port city of Rangoon, as their own independent state. The Karens were angered because the Chins, Kachins and Shans—others of Burma's numerous races—had been granted autonomous states under the new constitution.

They accused the Burmese of denying them a Karen state in

reprisal because the Karens supported British rule before the country left the British Commonwealth of Nations in January, 1948.

Battle Resumes

Government sources said the Army had extended the cease-fire until 6 p.m. (1130 GMT). There still was no word from the Karens at 1 p.m. but Army authorities stood by.

Meanwhile, rebels today occupied the towns of Tharawaddy and Natallin on the Rangoon-Prome railway.

Burmese Government troops opened up air and land attacks on the Karen rebels in the Insein area, 10 miles North of Rangoon, today after they had failed to surrender as planned. Burmese Army Headquarters after waiting until 2 p.m. local time, began to prepare for a renewed onslaught against the Karens.

Shortly before 5.30 p.m. (local time) Burma Air Force aircraft were airborne and exactly at 5.30 p.m. they dropped the first bombs, which were followed by trench mortar and automatic gunfire.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Yuan Takes Spectacular Nose-Dive

Shanghai, April 8.

Although lacking official confirmation, persistent reports of a near collapse of the Peiping peace conference sent Nationalist China's inflated gold yuan currency into the most spectacular nose-dive today since it was introduced eight months ago.

In terms of the U.S. dollar and gold bars, Nanking's printing press yuan tumbled 30 per cent in two hours this morning as all markets reacted sharply to the news of the deteriorating situation around the peace conference table.

The U.S. dollar, which opened at 41,000, closed at 63,000, while gold bars soared from 1,950,000 per ounce to 2,550,000. Big operators refused to quote rates in the afternoon but curb dealers sold greenbacks at 57,000 and gold bars at 2,600,000 to 2,700,000 per ounce.

With today's steep rise, the American dollar spurted over 100 per cent in a little more than two days against the gold yuan.

—Reuter and United Press.

Unrest Among Students In Shanghai

Shanghai, April 8.

The local student world showed increasing unrest today as students of the National Tungkai University observed a one-day strike to attend a memorial service for the Nanking students injured and killed in the clash with soldiers in Nanking on April 1.

Only one student so far is reported to have died as a result of injuries received in the fracas, which followed pro-Communist demonstrations.

Following the service, the students gathered for a discussion of the incident. Mass memorial services were also held in other universities while students of one institution observed a short fast.

However, there were no untoward incidents.—Reuter.

TORIES' ELECTION SUCCESSES

London, April 8.

The Conservatives have wrested control from Labour of the Middlesex County Council, which governs a densely populated area on London's Northern and Western outskirts.

In this election—one of the County Council elections in progress this week all over England and Wales—the Conservatives, who lost their majority on the Council three years ago, won 63 of the 80 seats.

Labour won 25 seats and the remaining four went to Independents.

Labour previously had 42 seats of 80, but the divisions have been increased.

Final results were expected today in the London County Council elections, for which voting took place yesterday.

The Conservatives, who held only 37 seats in the old council, had won 46 by early afternoon to draw even with Labour Party candidates at that point in the ballot counting.

The Council voting is viewed generally as a test for the general elections next year.

The Conservative Party today claimed to have captured 75 seats from the other parties, or Independents, in this week's County Council elections.

Labour gains were 42, the Conservatives 85. Of the 75 Conservative gains, 49 were from Labour and of the 12 Conservative losses, eight went to Labour.

The elections end on Saturday.—Reuter and United Press.

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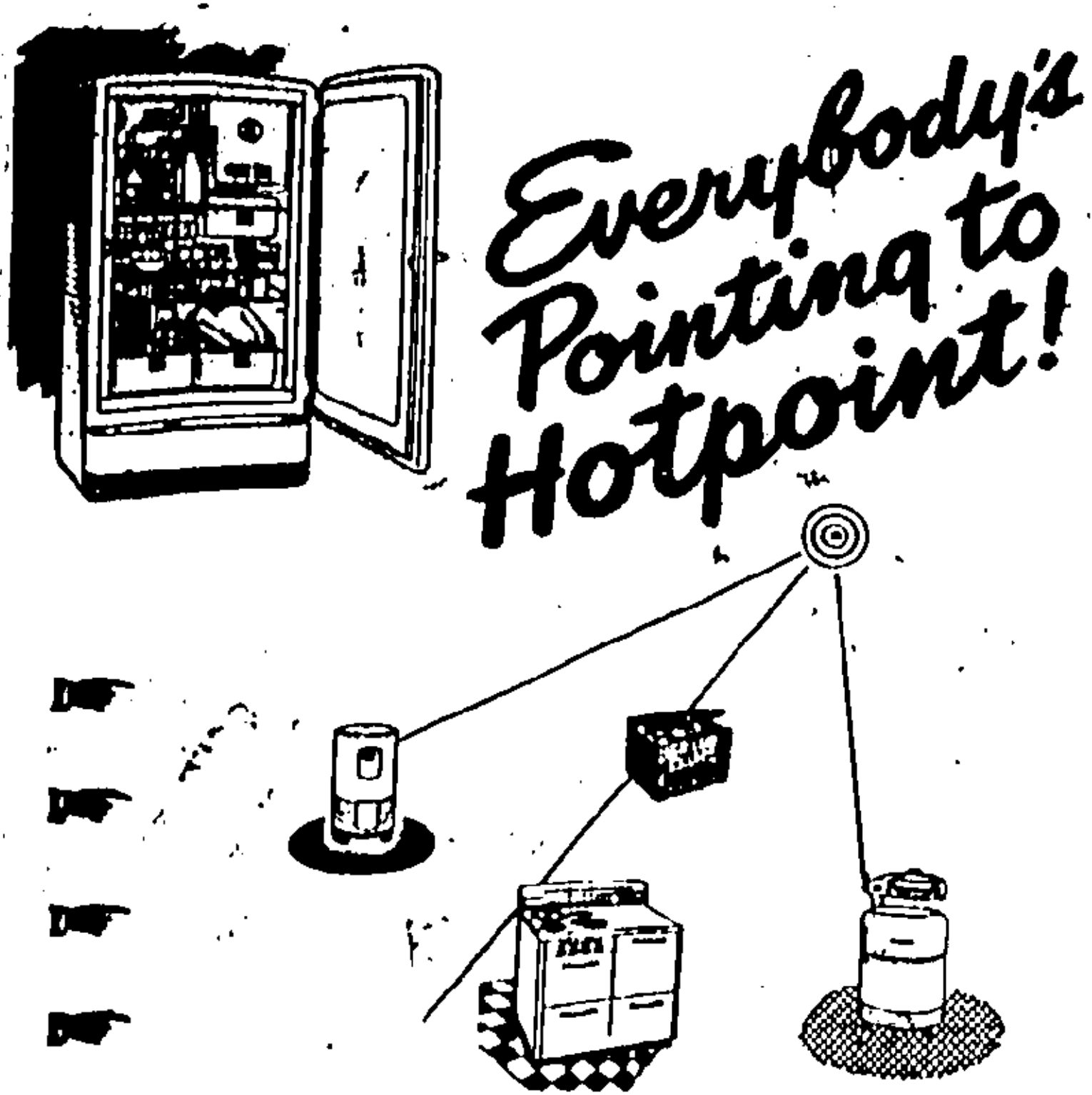


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At 6.00, GMT (3 p.m. HKST), a weak anticyclone centred over Eastern Sea is moving slowly Eastward. The deep depression is moving slowly into the Pacific to the E of Hokkaido, and a shallow depression over NW China.
Today's Forecast—Moderate E and SE winds. Cloudy, becoming gradually milder.
Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 62.9 deg. Fah. Minimum 52.2 deg. Fah.
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Whirlwind Tour By U.S. Writer

Mr. Allen Ladd of the editorial staff of "Magazine Digest" and "UN World" passed through Hong Kong yesterday on his way home after a whirlwind tour of the world. Mr. Ladd is conducting a spot check of opinions and events for the two publications. At each stop on his route he has collected from local publishers copies of a questionnaire on current events and customs which had been sent on ahead of him.

The results of Mr. Ladd's survey will appear in the June issue of "Magazine Digest" in the form of an "analytical study," he said.

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Additional regulations governing the Hong Kong Defence Force were made by the Governor-in-Council yesterday.

The Governor is appointed Honorary Commandant-General of the Force. The Force will be under the executive command of the Commandant who is to be appointed by the Governor. He shall normally be a civilian.

No Commandant shall be allowed to retain his command for more than eight years or beyond the age laid down for his rank.

The regulations outline the Commandant's responsibilities and the procedure of enlistment in the Hong Kong Defence Force. Regulations governing the method of service, posting, retirement, promotion and resignation of officers are also included.

The Governor-in-Council's regulations restrict officers and volunteers in the Force from writing for publication and giving lectures. The Commandant's permission must first be obtained. Officers and volunteers are also forbidden to attend individually or collectively, political meetings or public discussions or demonstrations in uniform.

The new regulations also include provisions for decorations and awards for efficiency, long service and good conduct. The penalty for a breach of the regulations is a fine of not more than HK\$500 or three months' imprisonment on conviction.

A new arrangement for local residents to register for voluntary services in the Hong Kong Defence Force and other services will be enforced on April 15, it was officially stated yesterday.

Volunteers for the Hong Kong Defence Force should call at the Defence Force Headquarters, Lower Albert Road. Residents who wish to register their willingness to undertake voluntary service in an emergency should complete a form, obtainable at the Colonial Secretariat, the Public Relations Office, or the Hong Kong Defence Headquarters.

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Personalia

Departures for Bangkok yesterday by CPA were Messrs. Phantju-keing, Phan Tek-hin and Chai Kien-chiu.

Mr. W.A. Anderson will address the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.30 p.m. His subject will be "An Engineer's Education."

Mrs. E.L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Collins, Messrs. W. Koonie, L.Y. Chou, P. Rykens, P.K. Reddy, D.P. Khosla and W.E. Clarke were among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. B. Barrs, Mr. Herant, Messrs. F. Dapista, Y.C. Teng, E. Hillebrand, Jan Smith, E.C. Penston, L.S.J. Hill, J.R. Barnes, C.L. Noun, Em. Brydon, S. Suzuki, W. Kohnal, T. Jenkins, R. Olsen and J. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Portallion, Miss P.S. Portallion, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Dalziel and Miss H.F. Dalziel, Dr. and Mrs. D.J. Sloss, Messrs. O. Skinner, M. Hillebrand, A.H.R. Butcher, Sir A. Gascoigne, M. Buckmaster, D.G. Yardley, J.R. Hillebrand, H. Starz, Yu Chi-Hung, Mrs. Bergmann, Mrs. C. Sparks, Mr. C.H. H. Munnichhofer and Mrs. I. Stenard left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

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King George School's First Prize Giving

The First Annual Prize Giving of the King George V School was held yesterday at the School Hall. In the absence of her husband, Mrs. Rowell distributed the prizes to the successful students.

Prior to the presentation of Prizes, the students gave a very entertaining concert.

Mr. G. P. Ferguson, principal of the School, said: "It is a great disappointment to us, as I am sure it is also to Mrs. Rowell, that her husband is unable to be present due to ill health. However, I can assure you that we all wish Mr. Rowell a speedy restoration to full health."

During the year six new rooms were added to the school, thereby completing the North and South wings of the building. These were completed in January of this year, just in time to accommodate the influx of new pupils.

The candidates and staff responsible are to be congratulated on the results of the Cambridge School Certificate Examination. Out of the 15 candidates, 13 were successful of whom four were placed in Grade I, six in Grade II, and three in Grade III. The highest prize goes to David Asche, now in Australia, who took nine subjects and gained seven Distinctions and two Credits.

The standard of Football, cricket and hockey has improved very considerably. There were good keen games both in inter house matches and against other school teams.

Swimming sports proved a great success and the school is very grateful to the YMCA for allowing the use of their bath.

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Miss Hilda Marie Anderson has been recognised as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hong Kong.

Mr. Franz von Oyen has been recognised as Vice-Consul for the Netherlands at Hong Kong.

Mr. Martin Ingram De Ville has been appointed to be Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys with effect from January 12.

Mr. John Edmund Richardson has been appointed to be Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands with effect from January 12.

Mr. Vladimir Dmitrievitch Rumiantsev has been appointed to be an Engineer with effect from November 24, last.

Mr. Conrad William Watson has been appointed to be a Master, Education Department, on probation with effect from February 14.

Miss Anne Grace Greig, Mistress of the Education Department, has been confirmed to the permanent and pensionable establishment with effect from March 29.

Mr. Eric William Pudney has been appointed to be Estate Duty Commissioner in addition to his other duties with effect from April 1.

Mr. Philip Robert Springhall has been appointed to be Estate Duty Commissioner as from April 1.

Mr. Donald Black has been appointed to be a member of the Chinese Auditors' Advisory Committee with effect from February 2 consequent on the return to the Colony of Mr. E.W. Pudney.

Lists of Official and Unofficial Justices of the Peace were published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

The offices of the Supreme Court will open daily between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. during the Easter vacation except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed. The Easter vacation begins on April 15 and terminates on April 21 (both days inclusive).

Any interest paid or payable to the Wo Cheung Bank has been exempted from interest tax.

Reminders

Today

Festival Competition by HK Schools Musical Association, at Diocesan Girls School, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

League Soccer matches. Wolf Cubs Annual Athletic Meet, Diocesan Girls School, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Classical Concert, Toc II Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, Sketching Party, members assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra Promenade Concert, The Griggs, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.

Talk on "Architecture and Town Planning" by Mr. J. T. Mallorie, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

American Tennis Tournaments, European YMCA.

MONDAY

HK and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Bridge-Mahjong Drive, Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, Combined Royal Marine Orchestra Concert, China Fleet Club, 9.15 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Dodwell and Co's office, HK Bank Building, 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

HK Stage Club Casting Meeting for "Quiet Week-end" at PRO Lecture Room, 8 p.m.

Toc II Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Lectures On The Bible

Mr. F. W. Detamore, world traveller and Bible lecturer, and Mr. Henry Meissner, violinist and baritone, invited to Hong Kong by the Seventh-day Adventist Mission, will give a series of English Bible lectures beginning on April 17.

The opening address of the series will start at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge. The Bible lectures will be conducted for those of all faiths.

Mr. Detamore is a fundamentalist, believing in the full inspiration of the Bible. The musical programme preceding each address is under the direction of Mr. Henry Meissner and his choir. Special musical features will be the grand piano, violin, marimba, and vibraphone. A new Hammond organ is being installed.

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NOTICE

1. The present arrangement whereby all those who wish to volunteer for any form of voluntary service register their names at Headquarters, Hong Kong Defence Force, will cease on April 15.

2. From that date

(a) those who wish to apply for enrolment in the Special Constabulary should call at Police Headquarters, Chater Road, Ground Floor;

(b) those who wish to apply to join the Defence Force should call at Headquarters, Defence Force, Lower Albert Road;

(c) those who do not wish to join any organisation but who wish to register their willingness to undertake voluntary service in an emergency are requested to fill in and send to the Colonial Secretariat a form which can be obtained either from the Public Relations Office or from the Colonial Secretariat or from Headquarters, Defence Force.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949 to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

NOTICE UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 20th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 20th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

NOTICE

Mr. E. C. Van Helden has today been appointed Manager of this Company and is authorised to sign all documents connected with our commercial business.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG

ST. GEORGE'S DAY 1949

The Committee have made the following arrangements for the Society's celebrations in connection with the above:—

On Saturday, 23rd April. A wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph at 9 a.m.

On Friday, 22nd April, the British Film "Spring Song" will be shown at the Lee Theatre preceded by a Concert by the Band of the 1st Batta. of The Buffs at 9.30 p.m.

Members who have not received a circular with regard to the above should apply at the Secretaries' Office, Exchange Building. The Committee regrets that it has been found impracticable to make the necessary arrangements for the light refreshments and drinks referred to in this circular.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO., Secretaries.

U.S.R.C.

The monthly dance will be held on Saturday, 30th April. Tickets \$5.00 now on sale.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Medical Department would be grateful for offers of assistance from qualified Occupational Therapists who would be willing to give their services on a voluntary basis to selected patients in the Government Hospitals. The work would be in connection with the treatment of orthopaedic, mental and tuberculous patients and could be undertaken in the volunteers' own time.

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES. March 30, 1949.

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Formosa via Tokyo, 3 p.m.

Singapore, Bangkok and Calcutta, 5 p.m.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m., Noon.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8 p.m. 9/4, (Ord.) 9 a.m.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

For Simple Simon

SIR,—Simple Simon is no diamond. He is just a fake. Pretending to know all, Is due for a big fall And I hope that he drowns in the lake. He tries to tell us Chinese "damned good fellows." But what does he really know Of garbage and grafting? Of real expert "crafting." Simple Simon is so simple, you know! He thinks "Lafayette" stupid And wants to play cupid With Communies and Nationalists galore. But before he can make up He'll get such a shake up, With him they will be wiping the floor. This turns up my scoff Of Simon and Joffro And their inflated egos, And here's to those chaps Just a couple of saps That's all—so long Amigos. RTE. DE SAY ZOONG.

A letter from a correspondent signing himself only "A Badminton Player of some standing" was not printed today as no name and address was given. It is repeated that such information must be given, and will be kept confidential if so desired.—Ed.

SERVICES OF DOCTOR WANTED

A volunteer doctor for work in connection with the treatment of orthopaedic, mental and tuberculous patients, is needed by the Medical Department.

An official statement yesterday said that the Department will be grateful for offers of assistance from qualified Occupational Therapists.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

A Requiem Mass will be said for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Kathleen Theresa Gordon Grant at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, 9th April at 9 o'clock. Reverend Father Charles B. Murphy S.F.M. will officiate.

Telephone Trouble

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Blotfeld, who has been fired by my referring to a telephone operator as "such a person," has got hold of the wrong end of the stick if he imagines that I required politeness from the lady solely on account of my being a "prominent businessman." I required it as a subscriber to the Hong Kong Telephone Co. — and — nothing else!

As a matter of fact, I possess no titles such as those ascribed to me by Mr. Blotfeld and, whether a man be millionaire or pauper, I take him for what he is worth. But I do like politeness in both categories! I make it a rule to be polite to everybody and I would like to see it reciprocated.

I would like to point out to Mr. Blotfeld that I only rushed into print when this rudeness had been repeated and when it appeared that a change was required in the method of issuing directories. I do not want "humility" from anybody, rather do I want to show it to others for whom I have great respect (rich and poor alike).

But I do appreciate politeness from a person when I have been polite to her.

T. Y. LEE.

Retiring SRO Feted

Mr. Harold Victor Pearse, senior revenue inspector, and Mrs. Pearse, were feted at a cocktail party by his colleagues last evening, on the eve of their departure from the Colony after 27 years' service.

The party was held at the residence of Mr. J.W. McIntyre Brown, Chief Preventive Officer, at Fire Brigade Headquarters. On behalf of Mr. Pearse's colleagues in the Commerce and Industry Department (erstwhile Import and Export Department) its acting Director, Mr. K. King, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Pearse three beautiful Tientsin carpets as a token of their high regard. Mr. and Mrs. Pearse are leaving for home by the RMS Canton on April 15 on long leave before their retirement from the Colonial Service.

"We intend to settle in Cornwall, but I've not decided yet," said Mr. Pearse, and if we don't like Cornwall, we may come back to Hong Kong to spend the rest of our days here," said Mr. and Mrs. Pearse.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

With effect from April 1, 1949, the postage for local letters and postcards will be increased as follows:—

Destinations: Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories. Local letters: 10 cents for each ounce or part of an ounce.

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Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 5 p.m.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"By the way, what job did you ask to be specifically trained for when you enlisted?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

WHICH IS THE GREATER? Some fine players consider it a great advantage with a fair hand to bid a new suit in response to the partner's major suit call; then on a later turn support the original suit. They have that show somewhat more strength than would an immediate raise. It, however, does not indicate whether the supporter has only three trumps or more than three. Others make an immediate raise of the major whenever holding four of it, so that a belated raise after responding with another suit will show only three-card support. Which method has the greater advantage?

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H K 6
D J 6
C A K 8 7 6
S K 7 4
H Q J 10
D A Q 10
C J 3 2
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D 8 5 4 2
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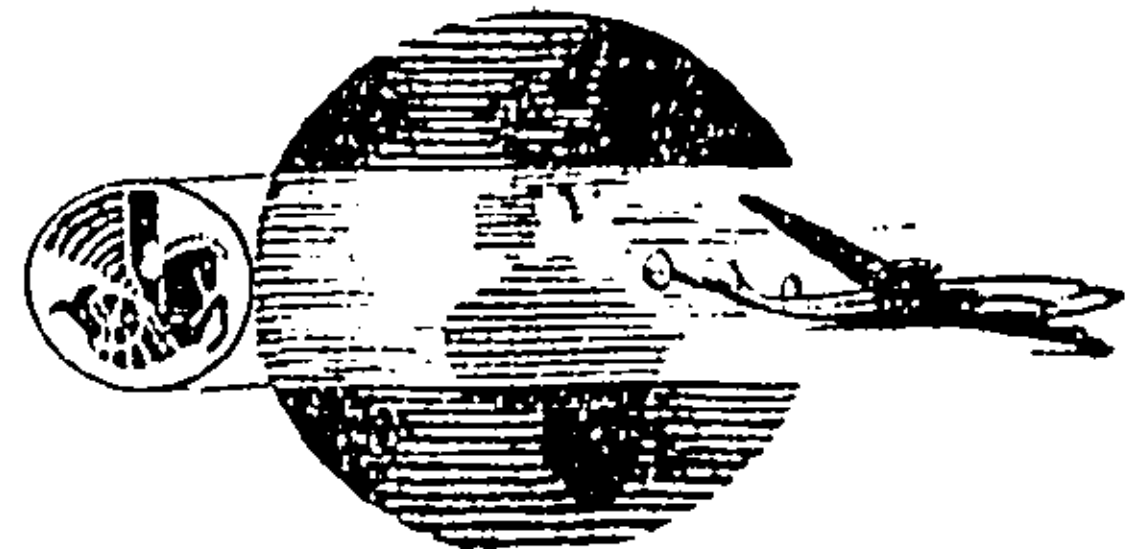
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ENGAGEMENT

LO-BROWN. The engagement is
announced between Ploche
14, Pui Yui, eldest daughter
of Mr. Man-kin and Lady
L.O. of Hong Kong, and Mr.
Howard S. Brown, son of
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown
of California, America. The
marriage will take place on
the 10th June, 1949 in
California.

COLONY
COMMENTARY

In recent weeks we have
had quite a spate of visitors
to the Colony who have
publicly voiced their opinions
on our present and future
problems. Yesterday we had
Mr. Walter Fletcher, M.P.,
and Mr. H. E. Wadsworth,
textile expert from
Manchester.

Fortunately for us, most of
these observers have been
men of background, often
with experience of Far Eastern
affairs, and some of their
comments have been material-
ly helpful.

One can be reasonably cer-
tain that local industrialists,
who have had personal dis-
cussions with Mr. Wadsworth,
will endeavour to put into
practice some of his recom-
mendations. The higher
wages existing here as com-
pared with China proper and
Japan can, he says, be offset
by the use of improved
machinery and more up-to-
date production methods. This
is undoubtedly true, parti-
cularly in his own field of
textiles. In this connection,
however, it is to be hoped
that government will take
steps to protect the interests
of labour in the event of
speeding-up techniques. Even
from a purely expedient point
of view, the unwise imposi-
tion of little-understood high
pressure methods could re-
sult in widespread dissatis-
faction and strikes.

Mr. Wadsworth also men-
tioned our scarcity of cheap
land for building new fac-
tories, but he tactfully ignored
the reason for this—that
government is responsible,
by putting lots up for auction
to the highest bidder, instead
of deciding that a certain
industry is sound, has bene-
ficial possibilities for the Co-
lony, and should therefore
have land at reasonable rates.
Despite the occasional, un-
convincing explanation, this
attitude has never to our
knowledge been justified in
the slightest degree.

Another aspect too, which
the speaker might not have
known about, is the difficulty
often encountered by new in-
dustries regarding our all-too-
rigid PWD system, whose of-
ficials have more than once
insisted on unacceptable con-
ditions regarding factory
buildings. When a large, one-
piece erection is desired, the
petitioner may be told that
local regulations demand
walls to be set up after so
many square feet. Only re-
cently, too, a plan by the
Chinese Manufacturers' Union
to put up workers' quarters
in brick and wood was re-
jected because the PWD
wanted something more per-
manent in concrete.

Then there is the question
of restricted electric power,
making it impossible for fac-
tories to continue working
during the night. Admittedly,
plant is short, but has govern-
ment made any attempt to
see that the necessary equip-
ment is obtained, to raise
output to meet demand? The
old argument is reiterated—
we do not interfere with pri-
vate enterprise.

As Mr. Wadsworth said, the
policy here has been rightly
to encourage commerce rather
than industry, but consider-
ing Hong Kong's growing im-

portance, since the war, the
migration of Shanghai, and
other manufacturing concerns
here, there can be little argu-
ment from non-biased sections
of the community that the
official attitude should be ex-
amined, in the face of the
trading rebirth of Japan, and
the potential output of a
stable China, such a reorien-
tation must be regarded as
fundamentally necessary.

But when a tailor appeared to
measure me for a fantastic cos-
tume designed for the occasion,
consisting of a mantle and sac-
coat of purple velvet edged with
ermine, and white satin breeches,
I had already submitted to the
Garter dress and robe, for which
there existed a condoning his-
torical precedent; but what
would my Navy friends say. If
they saw me in this preposterous
rig?

There was a family blow-up
that night, but in the end my
mother as always smoothed things
over.

"You mustn't take a mere
ceremony so seriously," she said.
"Your friends will understand
that as a Prince you are obliged
to do certain things that may
seem a little silly. It will be only
for this once."

Help Papa
I also got the impression,
although the thought was never
actually put into words, that if
I only did what was asked I
would help Papa in his dealings
with the difficult Mr. Lloyd George.

So on a sweltering summer day
within the vast grey ruin of
Carnarvon Castle, before some
10,000 people with Winston
Churchill, as Home Secretary,
multitudinously proclaiming my
titles, he told me afterward that he
had heard them on the golf
course, my father invested me as
Prince of Wales.

Upon my head he put a
coronet cap as a token of prin-
cipality, and into my hand the
gold verge of government, and
on my middle finger the gold
ring of responsibility.

Then, leading me by the hand
through an archway to one of the
towers of the battlements, he
presented me to the people of
Wales.

Had fainting of heat and ner-
vousness, I delivered the Welsh
sentences which Mr. Lloyd George,
standing close by in the ancient
garb of constable had taught me.

Off To Sea
In the midst of all this com-
motion, I made a painful dis-
covery about myself.

It was that, while I was pre-
pared to fulfil the duties bound
up in my heritage, I recoiled from
that which tended to set me up
as a personage requiring homage.

After all, hadn't my father
drilled into me that I was no
better than anybody else?

And if my association with the
village boys at Sandringham
and the cadets of the naval colleges
had done anything for me, it was
to make me desperately anxious
to be treated exactly like any
other boy of my age.

In any case, my father, sensing
what was going on in my mind,
arranged for me to go to sea at
once, as a midshipman.

More than that, he personally
selected the ship—the coal-burn-
ing battleship *Hindustan*, com-
manded by Captain Henry Hervey
Campbell, his old friend and
shipmate.

The most junior "snotty" in
the gun room, I served three
months aboard the *Hindustan*,
cruising up and down the East
Coast of Britain.

This experience afforded provided
the climax of my four years naval
training and exactly the kind of
life for which I had been pre-
pared and which I quite naturally
wished to pursue as a career.

In my diary October 26—the
day I left and returned to London
—I wrote:

"They sang God Bless
the Prince of Wales and Auld
Lang Syne, which touched me
much. They cheered as the
steampost shovelled off and so
ended one of the happiest
periods of my life."

"We drove to Buckingham
Palace and I saw Davies the
tailor who tried on a lot of
clothes. Papa wishes me to
get into tail and dress clothes
and I shall look as as. But
still, it must be done some-
time..."

Since it was the shooting sea-
son I went by train to Sandring-
ham and there I learned what my
father had in mind for me.

Trips Abroad
"You must remember, David,"
he began, "that I too, loved the
Navy, and I am therefore well
aware that what I am about to
say will disappoint you."

Characteristically he went to
the point. First I must give up
the Navy—"too specialized."

Second I was to take several
short educational trips to France
and Germany—"very important

that you should learn their
politics."

Third I was to go to Oxford
for three years.

It was the Oxford part that
took me by surprise. The promise
of travel in Europe compensated
somewhat for the loss of a naval
career.

But Oxford was unexpected for
the reason that my father, who
had little sympathy for experi-
ences different from his own, had
always taken a dim view of
college dons and professors.

In Navy fashion, he regarded
them as impractical, unworldly
people whose lives and ways were
alien to his own.

Wondering, therefore, what lay
behind this sudden interest in
Oxford, I protested that as I had
neither the mind nor will for
bookish years at a university
would be wasted.

"If I cannot stay in the Navy,
please let me go round the world
as you did," I pleaded, "and
learn about the different countries
and their people first-hand."

My father was then preparing

to leave for his Coronation Durbar
in India, and no doubt wishing to
make up to me for this quick
succession of blows to my youth-
ful aspirations, he told me that I
could have the run of Sandring-
ham, with its fine shooting, during
his three-month absence.

I passed a wonderful autumn
and winter there, tramping the
fens and marshes with Finch,
my valet, and Mr. Jones the
local schoolmaster.

My grandmother, Queen Alex-
andra, was living in the Big
House, with her unmarried daugh-
ter, Victoria, or "Kunt Tonia," as
we always called her.

The great house parties were no
more; but I used to walk over in
the evening to play cards with
Aunt Tonia and chat with my
grandmother.

Old Lady
She had by then become quite
an old lady; elegant and grace-
ful of manner with delicately
sketched features and high
collared, she was still recognis-
able as the lovely young woman
whose portrait by Lauchert,
painted at the time of her wed-
ding, hangs in the private din-
ing-room at Windsor Castle.

Her charm was irresistible, and
overcame such serious disabili-
ties as a stiff leg, acute deafness,
and rebellious unpunctuality in a
family determined to run by
clockwork.

To the end of her life at
Sandringham she was attended by
her own small court of which one
was General Sir Dighton Probyn
V.C., the Queen's Comptroller, a
pensioner in which he had earlier
served King Edward VII.

If over a man looked the part
of the board chairman of a sound,

conservative fiduciary institution,
it was the gallant Sir Dighton; his
white beard flowing over his chest
would have filled the most en-
thusiastic investor with confidence.

Yet it was a matter of painful
knowledge to our family that Sir
Dighton's cavalierman's bravura,
which had contributed to numer-
ous dashing exploits during the
Indian Mutiny while he was
colonel of "Probyn's Horse," when
transferred to the field of high
finance had a tendency to produce
results comparable with the
"Charge of the Light Brigade."

Friends
My father watched with an-
noyed misgivings while Sir
Dighton created at Sandringham
rustic rock gardens complete with
rustic shelters, all dedicated with
respectful adoration to "The
Divine Lady."

During this last Sandringham
interlude my constant companion
was my brother George, the last
but one of the family and later
the Duke of Kent.

My two brothers, Bartie, today
the King, and Harry (now Duke
of Gloucester), were both away
at school, and, although George
was eight and a half years my
junior, I found in his character
qualities that were akin to his
own; we laughed at the same
things.

That winter we became more
than brothers; we became close
friends.

His death in an airplane ac-
cident during the last war left a
cold in my life.

MY FIRST CAR was a Daimler. I got it in my second year at Oxford. My father gave me
permission to drive on my eighteenth birthday.

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WEST FORMALLY ASKS MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM WASHINGTON

ACCORD ON WEST GERMANY

Washington, April 7. The British, French and United States Foreign Ministers today reached accord in principle on Western German questions, the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, announced.

M. Schuman told reporters after a four-hour meeting with Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, and Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, that the Ministers are now working on the text of their agreement.

Mr. Bevin told Reuters: "Good progress has been made and agreement in principle has been reached on some points. We are having another meeting later today."

A compromise is understood to have been reached on the United States claim for a preponderant vote in questions concerning the economic administration of Western Germany.

This right will probably be defined along lines similar to the present arrangement in the Anglo-American Bizon.

On matters affecting the changes in the basic law which amounts to provisional constitution for Western Germany and on questions of currency, it is believed that agreement has been made to a French wish to preserve the monetary role among the Occupied Powers. Reuters.

Washington, April 7. The five Western Union Powers have formally and collectively requested the United States to supply them with military assistance under the terms of the North Atlantic Treaty, it was reliably understood here today.

A formal United States answer agreeing in principle to seek Congressional authorisation for such assistance is expected tomorrow.

Western Union national military experts have already drawn up for the information of Washington a broad estimate of their own military resources and the joint defence measures planned under the defence clauses of the Brussels Treaty.

The estimate gives a rough idea of the scale of United States aid which would be needed to implement what they regard as the basic security needs of the Atlantic union.

The United States is then expected to ask for detailed estimates of aid required from the various Atlantic Powers so as to be able to approach Congress for appropriations for the current year.

The five Brussels Treaty Powers—Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—will continue to act as a single group. The State Department is understood already to be negotiating with Norway and Denmark for a estimate of their defence needs in terms of American assistance.

Truman Request

Until these two sets of European estimates are obtained and approved, little can be made with the actual organisation of the permanent

military organisation of the Atlantic Union.

Details of the Defence Council and its subsidiary planning and supply committees have hardly figured in the discussions here in the past week.

Officials in Washington today described American press estimates of the actual amounts of the foreign military assistance programme, ranging from one to two thousand million dollars, as purely speculative.

President Truman in his January budget message expected to have \$2,000 million available if Congress adopts his new taxation programme.

Official Ceiling

The only item of expenditure unaccounted for in his budget was the programme of military assistance to the North Atlantic and other countries.

The programme, therefore, has an official \$2,000 million ceiling. Congress may possibly refuse to give Mr. Truman the new taxes for which he asks.

In that case the President may have to obtain funds for the military assistance programme by reducing other expenditures, for example on his \$15,000 million defence budget.—Reuters.

MR. EARLY'S NEW POST

Washington, April 7. President Truman today nominated Mr. Stephen Early, former White House Secretary to President Roosevelt, to the newly created post of Under-Secretary of Defence.

The new post was created by a law signed by Mr. Truman on Saturday. The Under-Secretary will be "general manager" of the military establishment, handling details and leaving the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, time for policy matters.

Mr. Early, aged 40, is now Vice-President of the Pullman Railway Company.—Reuters.

ASIAN LABOUR MEETING

Calcutta, April 7. The Asian Federation of Labour's Preparatory Committee will hold its first conference in Calcutta, India, on May 3 and 4 aimed at strengthening and consolidating the working class movement in Asia.

The talks will be attended by Pakistan, Philippine, Iranian, Turkish, Indonesian and Australian delegates.—Reuters.

GAOL FIGHT

Cawnpore, April 7. Fifty-one gaolers and police constables were injured here today in a brickbat fight with Communist prisoners who refused to be moved to other provincial prisons.

The police finally made a lathi charge and restored order. Some 30 or 50 prisoners involved were injured.—Reuters.

NEW AIR SERVICE TO HONG KONG

Tokyo, April 7. North West Airlines today reported that it has received the approval of the United States, Chinese and Hong Kong Governments to open a passenger service to Canton and Hong Kong.

A spokesman here said the airline is ready to open the service almost immediately to Hong Kong on a tentative basis of two flights a week. A shuttle run from Hong Kong to Canton is planned later.

North West planes will call at Hong Kong on specified flights between Shanghai and Manila.—United Press.

Prince Gets His Divorce

Paris, April 7. Prince and Princess Aly Khan were today granted a divorce by Maitre Marcel Rousset, President of Paris Civil Tribunal.

Custody of their two children was given to the Prince with the consent of the Princess.

Prince Aly Khan said recently: "I am going to marry Miss Rita Hayworth as soon as I am free." The Prince and the Princess had been separated for more than three years by mutual consent. The case was considered a normal divorce between two British subjects, as the Prince elected to take advantage of his British citizenship.

Maitre Jean Rapoport, who represented Princess Aly Khan in the divorce proceedings, told Reuters tonight that Prince Aly Khan will be able to remain in the French divorce register in four to eight weeks' time. He added that a woman divorced under French law must wait nine months before remarriage.

Shortly after the divorce the glamorous film star, Miss Rita Hayworth, announced: "We will be married as soon as possible." Their friends said the couple will probably leave for the Riviera in about a fortnight and the wedding will be very soon after that.—Reuters and United Press.

Defence Scheme For Indian Ocean

London, April 7. Sir Olaf Caroe, former Indian Government Secretary for External Affairs and Governor of the North West Frontier Province, said today that the Atlantic powers must underwrite an Indian Ocean defence system.

In a speech to the Royal Empire Society, Sir Olaf said it is doubtful whether India and Pakistan can unite to provide defence in depth for the Indian subcontinent, and even united they could not stand alone.

He added: "Before we can expect any defence unity between India and Pakistan we must see firstly, settlement in Kashmir; secondly, settlement of the Pathans; thirdly, establishment of joint defence zones and fourthly, common use of airfields."

Sir Olaf described the Persian Gulf and New Delhi as the strategic centre of all Asia and hub of the Moslem world. He warned, however, that the Persian Gulf can not be held without bases in the Indian continent which Pakistan can help to provide.

He said: "The front door into the Indian Ocean is the Persian Gulf. Pakistan must guard this door and also the side door through the North West Frontier beyond which

Guatemala Invaded By Revolutionaries

Guatemala City, April 7. The Government has rushed Army and Air Force units to the Mexican border area to suppress subversive groups.

Guatemalan sources in Mexico City said a Guatemalan revolutionary force of some 1,000 men, supported by fighters and bombers, crossed the border after forming in Mexico, with the intention of overthrowing the Government. They said the invasion has been under preparation for a year.

The Government statement said subversive groups attacked the town of Malacatan on the border and two men were killed and one wounded seriously.

Government planes patrolling the area reported that two armed groups, one of about 50 men and the other about 150, carried out the attacks. Early yesterday a smaller group raided El Carmen Customs house near the Mexican border and escaped with some \$35,000. Then the two groups attacked Malacatan and kidnapped the chiefs of the local army and Civil Guard detachments.

From there, they went to Santa Catalina, where they overpowered the Civil Guard post, seized stores and destroyed the strategic Cabas Bridge and others of lesser importance.

Simultaneously a larger group attacked ranches and farms in the Santa Teresa and Buena Vista areas.

Mobilisation

Colonel Roberto Garcia Arrevalo was placed in command of operations and all authorities in the area directed to co-operate. Mobilisation was ordered in military zones in San Marcos Department bordering on Mexico.

The Government statement referred to the groups as "men without conscience" engaged in "acts of vandalism". Nowhere in the statement were they referred to as revolutionaries or rebels. Dr. Gustavo Adolfo Frangay is listed as the leader.

Mexican General Adolfo Perez Benitez, chief of the 31st Mexican Military Zone which comprises the border area, is reported to have crossed the border to offer to co-operate with the local Guatemalan authorities to clarify the situation. He asserted that the attacks had not originated in Mexico.—United Press.

BRITAIN BATTERED BY GALES

London, April 7.

Fierce winds reaching gale force bent at Britain's coasts tonight after a five-degree drop in temperature earlier today. Shipping from Helioland to the West Coast of Ireland and South as far as the Bay of Biscay received a warning of the gales.

Gales in the Channel forced the Newhaven-Dieppe passenger steamer, *Londres*, to return to Newhaven with 803 passengers for the Continent including many schoolchildren. Some travellers crossed by the Dover-Calais route, while others returned to London.

The town of Salisbury had a driving hail storm followed by snow. Snow, sleet and hail also fell in mountainous Gaerhauvau-shire and in Snowdonia, North Wales, where shepherds carried newly-born lambs to shelter.

In Eire's County Donegal, the 2,000-foot high mountain of Slieve Donard was capped by snow.

Many small ships were in trouble along Britain's coasts. The fishing vessel, *Aurora*, pounded on the Rocks of Fladen Island, South of Arran, in the Firth of Clyde, but its crew of three were saved.

The Cunard-White Star liner *Queen Mary*, homeward bound from New York, radioed today that she had been delayed by gales and would dock at Southampton about 12 hours late.

The ship, in which Mr. and Mrs. Churchill are passengers, is now due to arrive at 6.00 a.m. GMT tomorrow. Other passengers include the film star Errol Flynn and the British comedienne Gracie Fields.—Reuters.

Berlin, April 7. Six children were killed instantly while playing with a German Bazooka gun, which they found in a heap of rubble at Helsenburg, in the Russian Zone, the Soviet-licensed German news agency reported today.—Reuters.

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Shimla, April 7.

Dr. Gopichand Bhargava and his entire East Punjab Provincial Ministry resigned today following differences of opinion which recently led to his withdrawal from the leadership of the Provincial Congress Party. The party holds a majority in the East Punjab Legislature.

Chandial Trivedi, Provincial Governor, called on Bhim Sen Sachar, newly-elected leader of the Congress Party in the province, to form a new Ministry.—Reuters.

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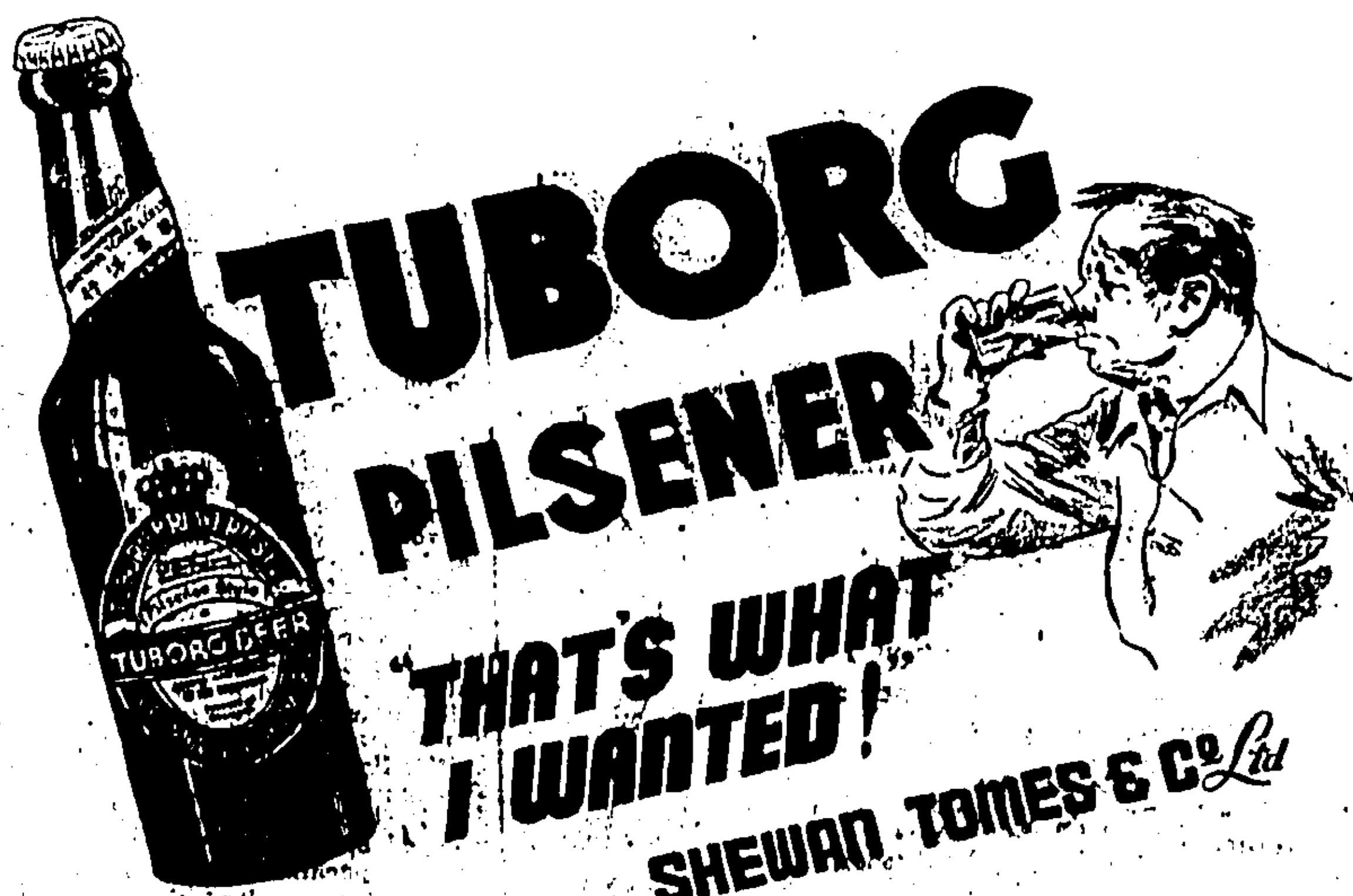
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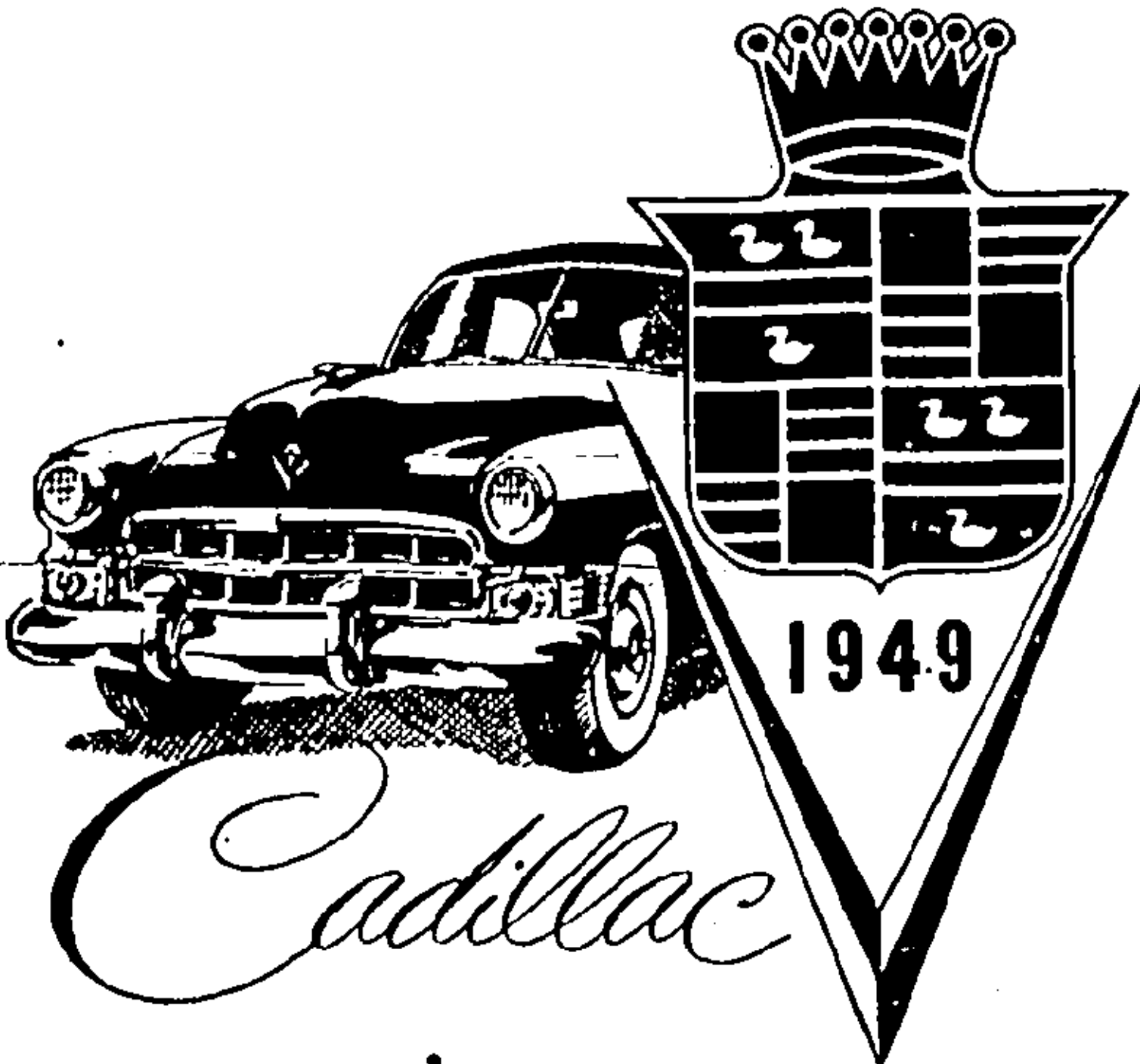
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

Products To Make Car Cleaning Fun

A Range of valeting and other preparations both for the car and for the motorist personally has been introduced by an offshoot of the well-known lubrication specialist firm of Duckham's, under the trade name of DA.

A number of these have been sampled in recent weeks including the wax polish No. 3, with which a good finish on cellulose has been obtained which proves to last well and not be spotted by rain even on the bonnet.

For preparation of cellulose on a car which has been in service for some time, before use of the wax polish, a liquid cleanser-polish is offered.

Also there is a cellulose reviver for removal of the film, or bloom, which forms on paintwork. This can be used to give a chemically clean surface before application of the wax polish already mentioned or another liquid polish which gives a hard waxed surface on coachwork.

Another of the DA products which has been found very effective is the glass and chromium cleaner. This is most successful in removing the dead insects which cling tenaciously to screens and their frames and to lamp glasses during the summer months.

De-misting Fluid

Still another preparation is a de-misting fluid for preventing condensation on the inside of the windscreen and windows, which is also claimed to be effective in delaying frosting in very cold weather.

Particularly useful has been found the DA emergency hand wash after soiling the hands at the roadside, when, for instance, changing a wheel. It removes oil and grime very effectively indeed and leaves the hands smooth.

Additionally, there is a non-inflammable "dry" cleaning liquid for use on clothes or cloth upholstery, which also has been found efficient.

The range is rounded off by a general purpose light oil useful for door handles and locks, throttle controls and so forth, and by a penetrating oil for use on rusted nuts and bolts or corroded joints.

A car cleaning kit for the garage comprising the cellulose cleanser-polish, emulsion polish, cellulose reviver, glass and chromium cleaner, and the light oil and penetrating fluid from the range is available.

Makers are Duckham's Associated Products, Ltd., London, W.14.

Familiar Bonnet Flutes



As regards appearance the current Vauxhall retains in modified form the bonnet flutes which have been a "badge" for many years.

Distinctive Features Of Performance In New Vauxhall Wyvern

Distinctive features of performance which are essentially Vauxhall, and which have come to be expected of this make, are quickly recognised in experience of the Wyvern on the road.

This is the new 1½-litre model with a four-cylinder overhead-valve engine as distinct from the 2¼-litre, six-cylinder engine of the Velox, the companion car in the current range of this make.

The two models, four and six, are in the main identical, apart from their engines, though there are some important differences in mechanical and equipment specification.

Anyone who has had previous experience of that exceedingly lively car the Velox finds it difficult not to draw comparisons with the Wyvern, which must inevitably be unfair in view of the difference in engine size.

The point of the Wyvern is that it offers still greater economy of running costs, a direction in which particularly as regards fuel consumption Vauxhalls show up very favourably, whilst, of course, the initial price is lower. The Wyvern, indeed, being the fourth lowest-priced model on the home market and decidedly the roomiest and biggest-engined British car current at its price.

Characteristic features are lightness of control and the readiness of the acceleration derived from a power-to-weight ratio which is good in the Wyvern because of a running weight appreciably below one ton, though not comparable with the outstanding showing of the Velox, which has only fractionally more than one c.c. a pound of running weight.

Few Demands

A combination of qualities in the handling and behaviour results in this being a car that makes very few demands on the driver.

With some cars, for reasons which it is not at all easy to single out, a journey through traffic or over a narrow, winding section of road can seem onerous in anticipation, but there is none of that suggestion with the Vauxhall.

It can stay largely on top gear, which helps to make such driving carefree, and each control is light and performs its job easily, with the result that one threads one's way through traffic with minimum effort and with a performance available which can more often than not put the Wyvern ahead in a getaway from traffic lights, or enable overtaking to be carried out with room to spare.

In overall size the car is handy, too, making it easy to park and to

take through narrow openings in spite of the fact that, in the now almost universally modern style, the near-side wing is not seen from the driving seat.

A design feature is that the engine develops maximum torque, or pulling power, at comparatively low engine revolutions. Translated into road practice this means with the Wyvern that the acceleration is lively from about 15 to 45 m.p.h. on top gear, and that very little advantage is obtained by using second gear of the three-speed box beyond about 30 m.p.h. even when maximum acceleration is wanted.

Acceleration

In other words the acceleration is quick over the range of speed which most drivers employ on the open road.

A natural cruising speed is 50 to 55 m.p.h. at which rate the engine is smooth and quiet and happy mechanically, but at higher speeds, up to more than 60 m.p.h. genuinely, there is still no suggestion of fuss.

The Wyvern is thus fast enough to suit the vast majority of owners' requirements.

It can make really useful average speeds without feeling that it is being overdriven, and with normal traffic conditions on British roads averages of the 40-plus m.p.h. order are easily seen. Forty-three miles were put into a typical hour without forcing the car or causing the driver to make any special efforts or to take risks.

As a 1½-litre, 12 h.p. rated under the old system, this car does more than hold on to top gear well on gradients; it takes the average main-road slope briskly in its 45 to 50 m.p.h. stride, no thought of using second gear arising unless it is balked for some reason.

Very comfortable riding is provided by the suspension, which in front is of the hydraulically damped torsion bar type, as used in principle for many years past on Vauxhalls. There is no pitching, though a certain amount of side sway occurs on the sharper corners when taken faster than is probably general practice. This occurs, however, within a definitely controlled range.

This Year's Racing Prospects

Before the competition year commences it is always amusing to consider what will probably happen, and what cars are, and are not, likely to be available in short, what the year will be like from the racing point of view.

It was manifest during 1938 that British drivers were doing their best in Grand Prix races with machines that were completely out of date or still undergoing teething troubles.

Equally clear was it that if Britain had the right cars the men were good enough to tackle anything that can be produced on the Continent. That in itself is something.

What is difficult to believe is that any other nation is up against so many difficulties. For one thing the loss of Brooklands track had a very much greater effect than anybody would have believed in the days when Brooklands was the subject of so many complaints and arguments.

There are, it is true, Silverstone and Goodwood, both airfields, and both available too late last season to have a material effect.

In 1939, therefore, there are at least two circuits on which a driver can practise and on which new drivers can be trained, and that will make a great deal of difference, especially as the Junior Car Club's policy in regard to Goodwood appears to be to run a programme of short races, excellent for training purposes and giving new men a real chance.

Will Be Felt

All the same the lack of Brooklands will be felt still because, good as the circuit on the airfield may be, it is not the same as the banked outer track on which a driver could feel his way with a car until he had gained complete confidence and thereafter drive faster and faster until he was ready for the totally different business of tackling a road circuit.

However, the banked track is something for the future and England will simply have to do its best with what it has got.

The other real difficulty is the cars. It is quite obvious that the older-type ERA's and their well-known companions of many races are not fast enough, nor sufficiently reliable, for modern racing. Unfortunately this means also that frequent oil leaks occur, and oil on the circuit is extremely dangerous.

The question of 1939 is, will the new Alfas and the BEM give Britain back the chance to win? Now it is admitted that no Grand Prix car, designed as such, has since the war been successful. The appalling tale of disasters to the French OTA Arsenal is an example of this and the very latest Alfa is, it is rumoured may be believed, still suffering from considerable teething troubles.

Massoratti have, been successful, as everyone knows, yet this car is really a development of an older model, not a sample of what the engineering staff of the firm concerned would do in the light of the knowledge they now have.

The Alfas, which have been unbeaten during the past year, are really pre-war cars. The Ferrari in its Grand Prix style is new, but again seems full of teething troubles.

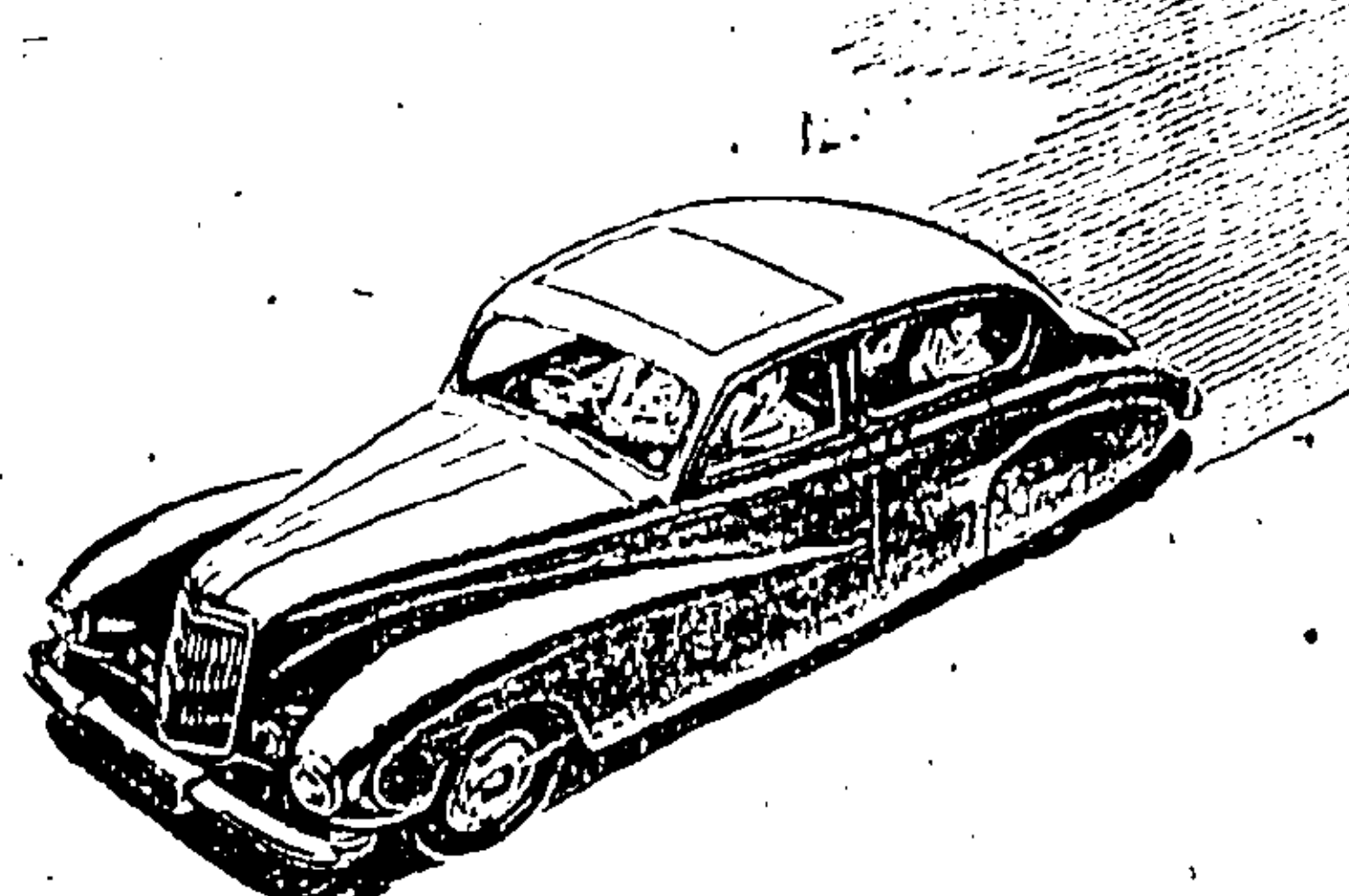
Pre-War Growth

Talbot again are not quite Grand Prix cars but definite developments of a pre-war design, which explains why the results obtained from 4½ litres have been so good. They cannot compare with those obtained by the Americans with similar types of cars at Indianapolis, even allowing for the difference between a car suitable for Indianapolis and one for European circuit racing.

If it were possible to design today a 4½-litre unsupercharged car specially to compete in Grand Prix, it should be superior to a 1½-litre supercharged car. In Great Britain the Alfa made its appearance. But, owing to teething or another, the machine's performance was anything but satisfactory. Very largely that was the result of a compromise necessary to get a car of the new type into races as soon as possible. To do this certain changes had to be made in the initial design and certain components had to be used in the hope that they would prove sufficiently serviceable.

In the light of later experience it would have been better if that car had been kept back until it could be tested seriously in private, which, admittedly, would have caused a great deal of trouble from the firm's clients who, very naturally, wanted a car at once. But at all events very valuable experience has been gained and in the light of that experience three more cars have been produced, the prototype has been modified, and there is every chance that the machines will develop the performance required this year. But are they fast enough to tackle the rival cars that will be produced from Italy? Time alone will tell the answer.

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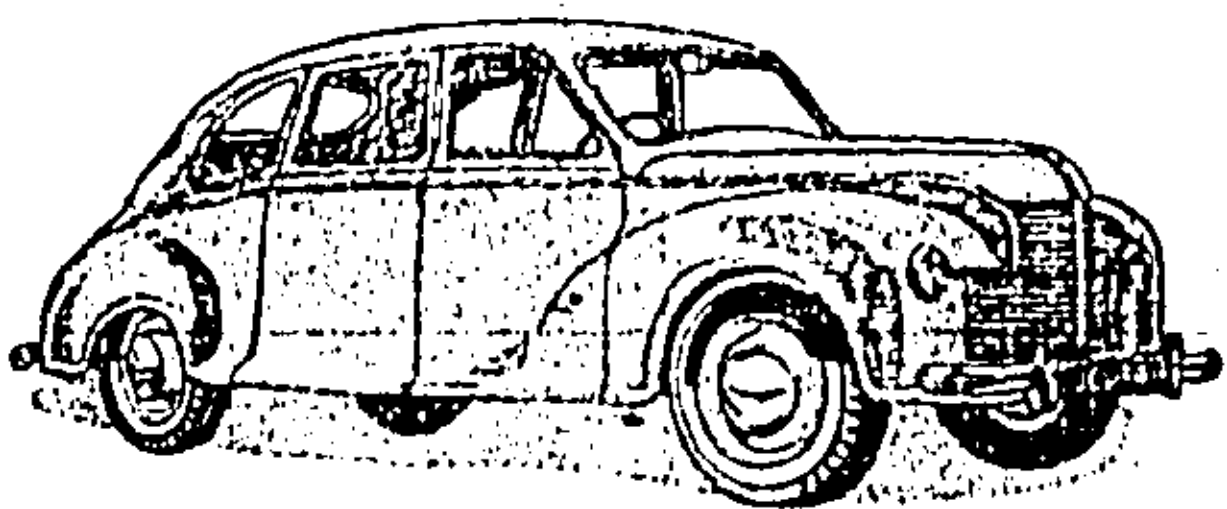
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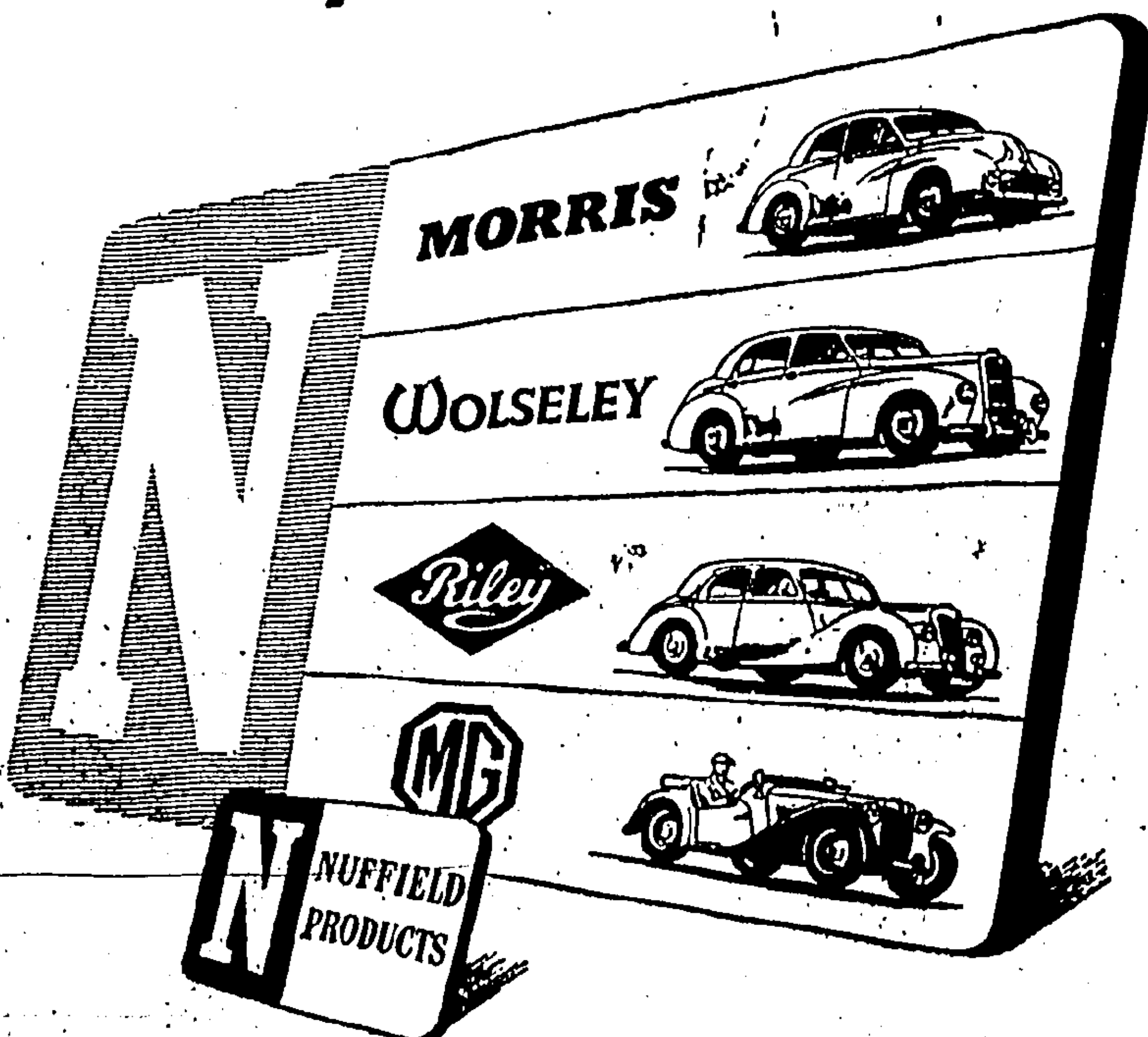
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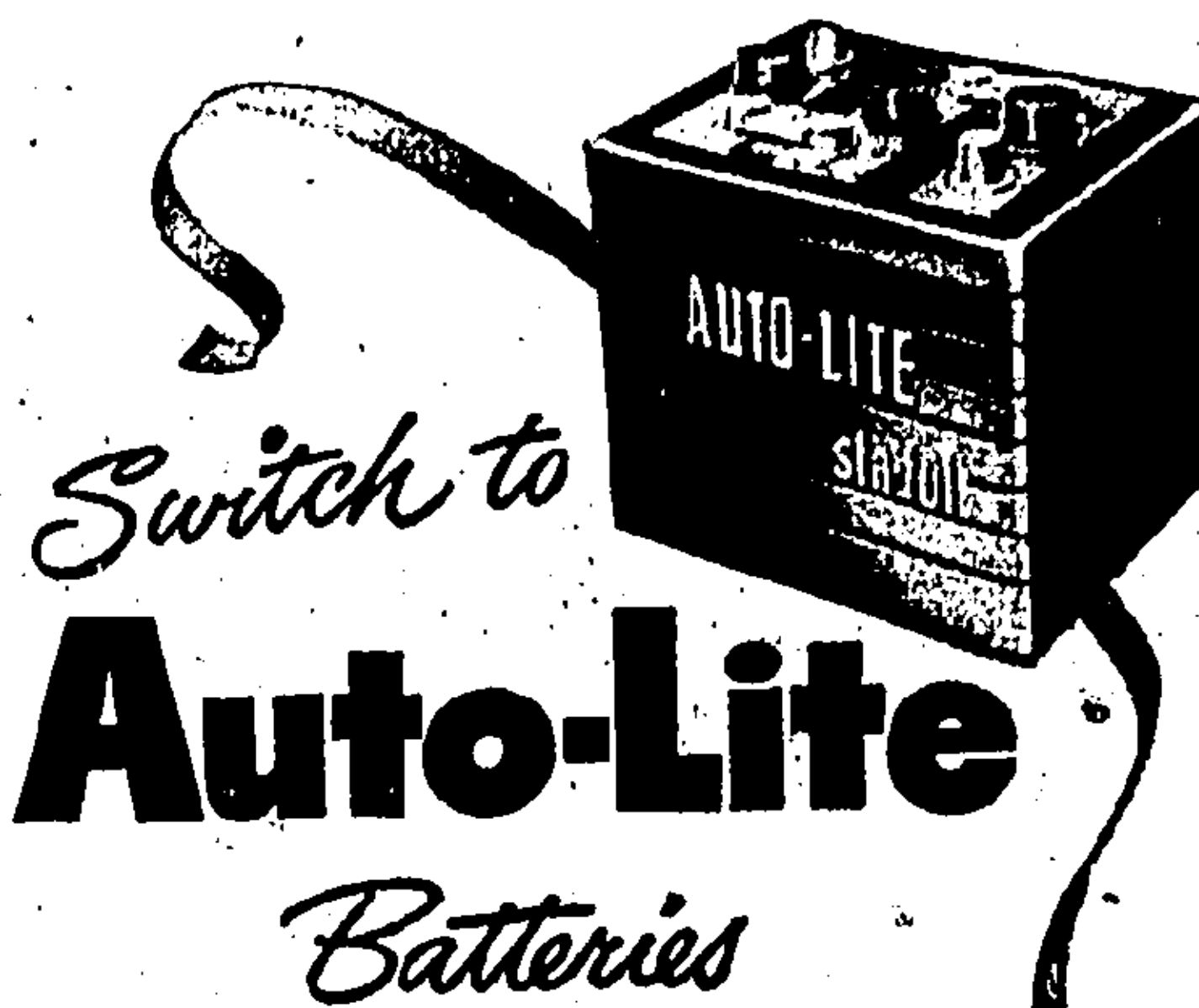


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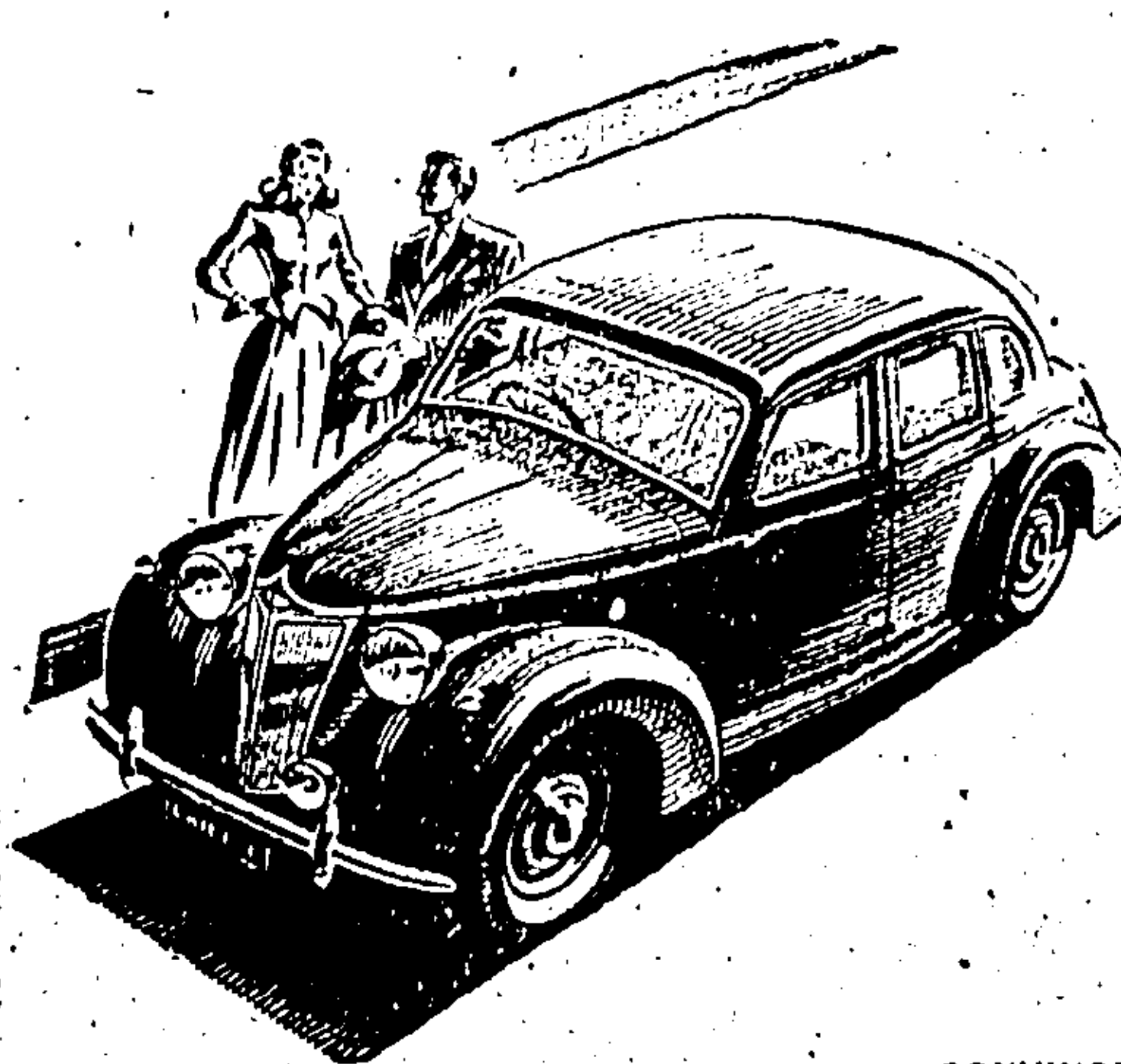
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BEARDED HEADMASTER FOUND UNFIT TO HAVE CHARGE OF CHILDREN

Ecclashall, Staffordshire, April 7.

The bearded headmaster of an expensive Staffordshire mixed "freedom school," Robert Copping was today found unfit to have charge of children and guilty of keeping them in "a detrimental environment."

Similar verdicts were passed on his partner, Edward "Joe" Reynolds. Both were found not guilty of keeping the school's 22 pupils on insanitary premises.

Copping was said to have taken a girl pupil away for a week. The matron at the school was alleged to have provided contraceptives to a girl pupil whom she suspected of intimacy with a boy.

The boys and girls at the school, Horsley Hall, near here, were said to have visited each other in their bedrooms "at any hour of the day or night," to have talked constantly about sex, and used "the filthiest language."

The principal, Robert Copping, whose age was given as 45, and his partner, Edward Reynolds, denied the complaints against them. The prosecuting counsel claimed the 22 children at the school were "under an influence which is harmful and destroying to their white souls."

Reynolds, said to be known among the pupils as "Joe," was alleged to have offered to bet a boy "a pound to a penny" that he would not seduce a female at the establishment.

"It was treated as a great joke. I shall tell you that Reynolds has been generous enough to describe this in his statement himself," counsel said.

"Strange Ideas"

Counsel alleged that Copping had stayed for a week with one of his girl pupils in an unoccupied house, where they slept in adjoining bedrooms with a communicating door. Copping and Reynolds were said to have kept the children in insanitary premises. Their food was alleged to have been kept in a mouldering condition, the drinking water was contaminated, and there was no adequate heating or light.

Submitting that they were not fit to have the care "of these or any children," the prosecuting counsel said: "These gentlemen have strange ideas regarding freedom of education for young children and self-expression."

A "somewhat confusing" document which would be produced in evidence explaining their tenets showed that there was no punishment for anyone, children were allowed to do what they liked, and could please themselves about the hours they went to bed.

"The bodies of these young creatures are, in fact, often cold and they shiver. There is a general state of disorder and squallor in the bedrooms, the stores and other rooms," counsel said.

Sincere Belief

A detective sergeant read a statement said to have been made by Reynolds that he had traced a 16-year-old girl back to a kitchen worker at the school.

Copping, during the hearing, denied that a girl he had taken to London for a week was one of his pupils. He said she had been a pupil but was then doing secretarial work and he now intended to marry her.

Defence counsel said Copping and Reynolds, both of whom denied the complaints, sincerely believed in the way they ran this educational establishment. One astonishing feature of the case was that not a single parent had been called to say that they were

disatisfied with the way the children were treated, counsel said.

Chinese Doctor's Evidence

He said 50 to 60 per cent of the children smoked, but certainly 50 per cent would leave the school as non-smokers. It was an adolescent boy and girl were found in the same bedroom at the school, they would be rebuked but not punished.

Misconduct was unlikely after the first few weeks, during which time they were watched carefully, he added. One of the pupils' parents, a Chinese doctor, said he brought his son to England from the West Indies and he was satisfied with his progress and health at Horsley Hall.

Mr. Reynolds said he considered himself a fit person to have charge of children. He had no academic qualifications. A statement said to have been made by a Dutchman engaged as a teacher, Jerrit Jan Voogel, said that he approached Copping on remarks made to him by some of the girls.

Copping told him: "These happen, and if it gives a child pleasure, it cannot be bad, but it is masturbation or sexual intercourse."

Dirty Sheets

A medical officer who inspected Horsley Hall said attendance at meals and classes was optional, dirty sheets were extremely dry, crockery unwashed. "I have never seen any school anywhere with conditions approaching this," he declared.

On the allegations of obscene language at the school Copping said: "No language is obscene unless the mind hearing it is obscene."

Reynolds, asked if he thought it right that he should bet a boy "a pound to a penny" to seduce the housekeeper, replied: "I would not seriously sit down and put that to a child. The matter arose from the child and by merely answering in this manner it was dismissed from the child's mind."

An order to remove the children from the school was adjourned until next month.—*Reuter.*

SYRIAN LEADERS RESIGN

Damascus, April 7. The Syrian President, Shukri El Kuatli, removed from office after last week's coup d'etat, today announced his resignation. It was officially announced that in a letter to the Syrian people he wished the country prosperity and success.

The former Premier, Khaled El Azam, also announced his resignation. Both were arrested during the coup, which was led by Colonel Husni El Zaim. They are to be banished from political life in Syria.—*Reuter.*

ARMY COMMANDS CHANGED

London, April 7.

The War Office announced tonight that in order to align the boundaries of Army Home Commands as closely as possible with the boundaries of Civil Defence Administrative Regions, certain changes came into effect from April 1, 1949.

The following counties were transferred between Commands from that date: Cumberland and Westmorland from Western to Northern Command; Warwickshire from Northern to Western Command; Buckinghamshire from Eastern to Southern Command; Northamptonshire from Eastern to Northern Command. The High Peak District of Derbyshire from Northern to Western Command.

No change has been made in the boundary between the Eastern and Southern Commands in the area of the Surrey and Hampshire border, but for Civil Defence purposes only that part of Surrey which lies in the Southern Command is transferred to the Eastern Command.

From the same date London District has been transferred to the Eastern Command. The G.O.C. London District will, however, retain responsibilities in regard to the Household Cavalry, Brigade of Guards and Royal Horse Artillery, and in these matters will continue to act as independent Commander under the War Office.—*Reuter.*

San Francisco, April 8. A Chinese Communist broadcast from Peking yesterday quoted the Nationalist Government's "Gaid Yuan" as worth only 50 to 1 "People's dollar." The "People's Dollar" is the unit of exchange in Communist China.—*Associated Press.*

Union Calls For New Federation

Washington, April 7.

The American Federation of Labour today called for a united world federation of free trade unions. It denounced the present WFTU as a fifth column of the Soviet dictatorship.

"As this process of separation proceeds," the statement says, "there is created a vacuum in the ranks of world labour." "The American Federation of Labour cannot stress too firmly that this vacuum must be filled by the organized world unity of free labour."

They proposed that the Provisional Committee should proceed with its work during the coming months while representatives of American labour will be visiting Europe, Asia and Latin America. A foundation conference should then be held to set up the new international trade union organization, it was added.—*Reuter.*

Sydney, April 7. Eight occupants scrambled to safety from a blazing Lancaster plane when it crashed today at Dubbo Airport, New South Wales. The plane overshot the runway on a training flight.—*Reuter.*

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Boston is preparing another sort of tea party. The guest of honour is Mr. Winston Churchill, and the only thing likely to be dumped into the old harbour is Communist literature.

For days now the city which rejected the British and became the springboard of the American revolution has been nervously planning its tribute.

The famous face stares out of shop windows on Tremont-street and Washington-street.

The Union Jack floats side by side with the Stars and Stripes from flagpoles and store masts.

The big worry is to do full justice to the occasion.

Secretary Calls

I had been in the city only half an hour and was unpacking my bags in my hotel room when a call came from the secretary of one of the numerous reception committees. Could I give him an indication of Mr. Churchill's special wants and tastes.

An entire floor of the Ritz Carlton had been put at his disposal, dozens of special cigars were on hand, but what about the 1848 brandy he was said to like?

Did Mr. Churchill favour any particular food or dessert? I explained that I was no expert, but I knew that Mr. Churchill was fond of Irish stew. This turned out to be a happy answer, for Boston itself is an Irish stew—a big, boiling city of high seasoning and full flavour.

Irish City

It is a wonderful mixture of proud, simon-pure Yankees of unadulterated British blood, wild and just Irish folk, Canadians, Italians, Jews, Poles, Swedes, Germans, Lithuanians, Greeks, and Negroes. The Irish run the town. They form three-quarters of the 2,500,000 people in metropolitan Boston, and it is their city.

The quakers and aristocratic New Englanders, the Barons of Beaconhill—so very English in manner, dress, and custom—do not like this, but they are beginning to admit it.

The old stately, dignified order is in retreat from the new and vulgar and vigorous Irish-dominated way of life.

Boston still has its exclusive clubs, its Puritan heritage, its snobbery and tradition, but they are dwindling. The shanty Irish are tearing down the lace curtain.

At the moment, in deference to Mr. Churchill, there is a show of unity.

Lively Town

My trip so far has been a succession of surprises.

The town is much noisier, livelier, and more uninhibited than I had been led to believe. The night life has bounce and buoyancy—there are cinemas, are crowded. Britain's "Red Shock" is in its 20th week.

Burlesque booms, and the Watch Committee is not the stern kill-joy or Grumbling Grundy that it has been pictured.

Scantly dressed hostesses in cocktail lounges and night spots—some places are open until 5 a.m.—would raise New York eyebrows and blood-pressure.

But the big surprise is in the city's reaction to the Churchill visit.

When I walked into the Copley Plaza Hotel to meet a friend on the Boston Globe I was engulfed by a multitude of chattering, gesticulating women, smartly dressed, well-groomed, obviously prosperous.

Women's Time

The fretful tide of women lapped against the registration desk, penetrated lounges and restaurants, submerged porters, clerks, waiters, and bellboys.

I located my friend, who seemed almost in danger of drowning under the sea of women, and asked: "What's this?"

He said: "Daughters of the American Revolution—Massachusetts Division—let's get out."

We did, and he explained there was a big meeting of these revolutionary ladies, the Old Guard and diehards of American society, and it was no place for a man.

The strenuous intentions of the revolutionary daughters to plan their honour to Mr. Churchill struck me as odd.

Nor, where I passed a big department store, Filene's, and saw the announcement of an all-British week, with practically nothing but English goods for sale was I expected to be surprised.

Reputation Goes

Boston is a friendly, generous, very human town.

When you call on local newspapermen they not only pump you full of information but want also to pump you full of drink any food.

The reputation which Boston has of being a citadel of anti-British feeling hardly stands up. Some newspaper editorials twist the Lion's tail gently now and again, but the twist is beginning to look more like a carcase.

Perhaps one of the reasons I like this town so much is because many parts of it remind me of England.

Old Boston is old England here in the New World. The narrow maze of streets, handsome red-brick houses with English bay windows, purple-painted, dreaming spires of churches, fine bookshops and leather shops, green common and public garden right in the heart of the city, staid and clamorous wharves which smell of tea and coffee and codfish—all this is England.

The newer part of the town has wide avenues, streamlined tramcars, modern cinemas, with their perpetual rash of Neon lighting, drug stores and automobiles, but it has not dared to encroach upon the national shrine.

I have driven around the sprawling city over and over again, always getting lost. Its enchantment is infinite.

Near Bunker Hill monument—scene of our "defeat"—the winding, cramped streets are lit by gaslamps, complete with panes smashed by small boys, mantles broken, and flaring blue flame.

The monument itself is a shabby, granite obelisk 221 ft. high. It looks neglected.

It is surrounded by houses.

Few Skyscrapers

Driving around the city you realize its size. It likes to spread. It revolts from skyscrapers—only the Customs House tower and the new John Hancock Insurance building reach for the clouds.

Across the wide Charles river in Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—Mr. Churchill's host.

Harvard has 3,000 paying guests, is big, handsome, groomed and manicured—impressive, but not inspiring.

Nearby are a score of lesser colleges—Wellesley, Radcliffe and Tufts, Boston College and others. There are more people poring over textbooks here than anywhere else in the world—and that is why Boston calls itself the Athens of America.

Boston's politics are staggering and smelly. The mayor is James Michael Curley, 75, and, according to his own announcement, expecting to be 125 and be mayor all that time.

On Thursday Mr. Curley proposes to take a back seat.

Boston Tea

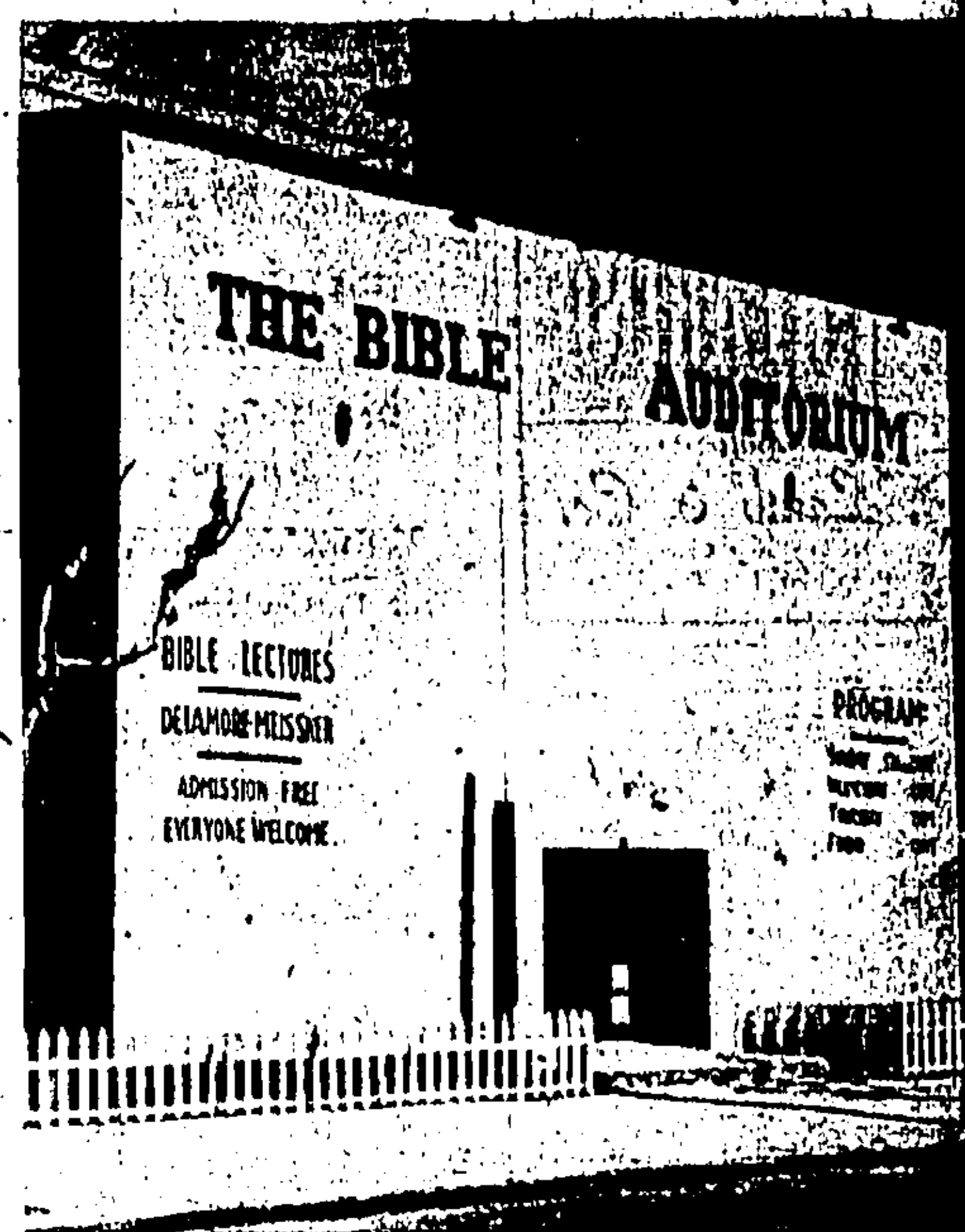
Mr. Churchill will be in the front of the platform, dead centre. Mr. Curley will be somewhere in the wings.

He will be busy there, listening, and when Mr. Churchill's speech is over Mayor Curley plans another Boston tea party.

He proposes to send a shipload of tea to England as a friendly gesture.

We had better drink it. Mayor Curley does not like people who refuse his drinks.

Footnote: The British, in the person of Mr. Winston Churchill, recapture Boston on Thursday.



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BIRTH CONTROL IN THE ORIENT

New York, April 7.

The Orient is showing increased demand for birth control information and research is currently concentrated on the development of a simple practical method that could universally be employed in Far Eastern countries.

These statements were made by the medical director of the Margaret Sanger Research Bureau, Dr. Abraham Stone, who told the United Press that the Bureau has a programme for the Far East.

Dr. Stone said that India and China appear to be the two countries where birth control is urgently needed. He added that he could foresee that Japan's issue of over-population might grow serious, as in the other two countries, if it continues at the present rate.

Dr. Stone favoured Dr. Warren Thompson's recent statement in Tokyo that voluntary birth control is Japan's only hope for solving her growing population crisis. He said: "You can no more keep such information from the Japanese people than you can keep the Pacific Ocean from washing the shores of Japan."

This doctor said that tradition will not hamper fertility control in the Orient. He maintained that despite the customs of India and China, which encourage large families, the parents of Asia are today ready to accept contraceptive knowledge and will welcome the spread of such information.

The need for controlled birth rate will become more and more acute as the peoples of the Orient gradually change from agricultural to industrial economy, as the people become more urbanised and as better medicine and public health measures cut down the death rate.

Dr. Stone said: "I believe that every religious denomination, including the Catholic Church, realises today the need for family regulation and child spacing for the welfare and stability of marriage and home. The difference is only in the question of what measure can be morally employed for this purpose." The Catholic Church forbids members to use contraceptives.

Dr. Stone said the war had shifted many of the Orient's pre-war birth control clinics, which had sprung up in Chinese, Indian and Japanese cities.

He quoted a Chinese Medical Association resolution in 1935 which declared birth spacing measures as part of the activities of public health and mentioned the Madras Neomalthusian League founded in 1928 by Sir Vepa Ramaswami.

Some of Margaret Sanger's opponents claim that birth control would hurt in the Far East because the peoples themselves do not care to adopt such measures. It is Dr. Stone's contention that the farm families in India and China never have had a chance to learn modern methods of birth control. However, he believes that if simple methods are made available, they would welcome such information. United Press.



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Party Critics Silenced

London, April 8.
Sir Stafford Cripps was believed yesterday to have convinced critics in his own Labour Party that his heavy national budget is necessary for Britain.

For more than two hours Sir Stafford heard fellow Labourites criticise his plans. Then the Chancellor of the Exchequer strode out to lunch, smiling and apparently unperturbed.

But there were murmurs among housewives, storekeepers, bus conductors and editorial writers that the Labour Party would "pay at the polls" for failing to bring back better living in this, the fourth post-war year. Associated Press.

LAST C-IN-C

Bombay, April 7.
General Sir Roy Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, left for Britain today in the 23,722-ton liner Stratheden.

The first Indian Commander-in-Chief, General K. M. Cariappa, took over from him last January. —Reuter.

Over-Population Menace To Japan

Tokyo, April 7.

The Japanese Government's Welfare Minister announced today he is preparing plans for a national birth control programme to meet the menace of over-population.

The minister, Toji Hayashi, told the Lower House of the Diet, in response to questioning from the floor, that the Welfare Ministry is considering a number of plans for providing effective and proper means of birth control.

A small-scale popular education drive, including radio programmes, is thought necessary for checking the population increase and the best methods of birth control already have been launched by the Ministry.

The accent is on personal responsibility to help solve the problem.

QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR CRIPPS BUDGET

London, April 7.

Qualified support for Sir Stafford Cripps's budget proposals was given by the chief Opposition speaker, Mr. Harry Crookshank, in today's House of Commons budget debate.

He approved the Chancellor of the Exchequer's "firm intention" not to allow food subsidies to rise above £465,000,000 a year as an approach towards realistic prices.

"If the Chancellor has at last been able to persuade people that social services have to be paid for and that it is because of that that the difficulties about remission of taxation arise today, he will have done a good job of work," Mr. Crookshank said.

The Opposition objected to the increase in death duties, he said, because this was a disincentive to saving.

"It is one more example of using capital as income," he added.

"We must consider it as just a sop to the Labour Party in a budget which cannot be very palatable to them."

Criticising the increase in telephone charges, Mr. Crookshank said that the Post Office made a profit of more than £10,000,000 last year. Is it helping to finance the deficiencies of some other nationalised industries?

Extremely Wise

Taxation is still far too high, he complained. The Opposition still thinks that public expenditure can be reduced.

He considered the great achievements of the past year largely to Marshall Aid—financially and psychologically—and private enterprise in the export field.

Mr. George Benson, Labour, thought that in the changing circumstances the Chancellor had been "extremely wise" in introducing a "conservative" budget.

"What he has done is to use the wartime tax structure for social purposes," Mr. Benson said. "This has allowed us to do for the social services in four years more than has ever been done in a century."

Mr. Mark Hewitson, Labour, and a trade union official, strongly criticised the increase in the price of meat, butter, margarine and cheese. He said he was the industrial officer for the second largest trade union in the country—the million-strong General and Municipal Workers' Union.

Note Of Warning

"Can I go to my members and convince them that a basic wage of 95/- is sufficient to give them a decent living standard?" Mr. Hewitson asked.

"I am striking this note of warning," he added. "The Chancellor's policy will lead to a spate of wage increase applications. If the Government dares to say no to these applications I give warning that there will be industrial disputes such as there have never been in this country since the end of the first world war."

Mr. Hewitson went on to say: "We are not going to allow the Trades Union Congress' back to be broken."

"If necessary we shall fight and the Government cannot afford to fight against us who represent the organised workers of the country."

Replying to the day's debate a Government spokesman referred to the food price increases and pointed out that the subsidies which remained worked out at 3/8d. per head a week for the whole population.

"The outlook is not gloomy at all," he said. "The situation is better than it has ever been for the vast mass of the people of this country and it is the desire of the Chancellor that that should continue."

The debate was adjourned until Monday. —Reuter.

Snags In One-Europe Discussion

London, April 7.

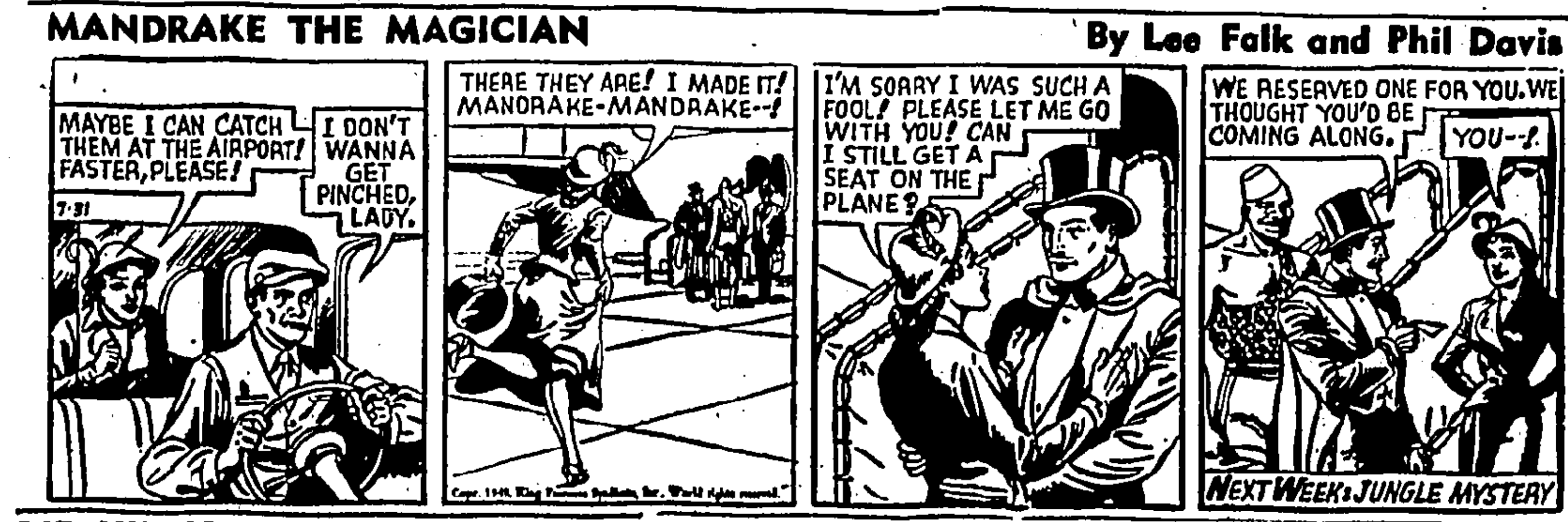
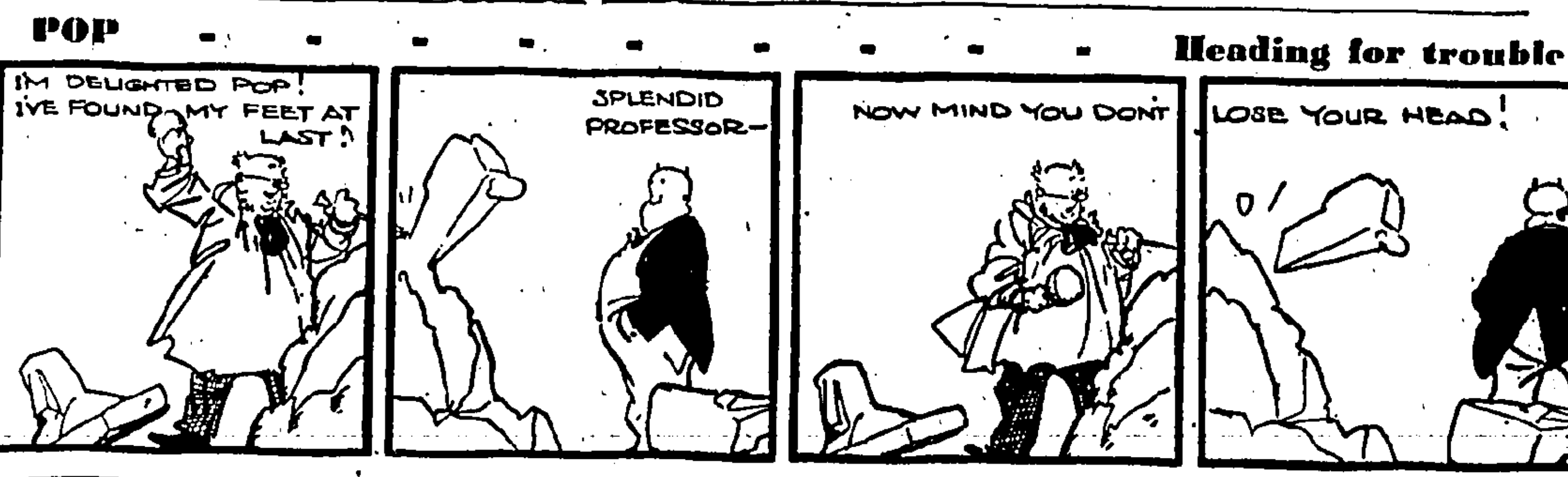
The 10-nation Ambassadors' conference drafting a constitution for the Council of Europe is reported to have run into certain small difficulties.

These are understood to have arisen in discussions by the Legal and Drafting Committee attempting to work out the draft constitution in detail.

Britain and France are thought to favour keeping the Consultative Assembly a forum for the views of the man in the street. Some of the smaller States, however, wish to see Government views expressed in the Assembly by making it possible for national delegations to include cabinet ministers.

Representation in the Council is already secured by the provision for a Commission of Ministers to meet in secret.

At the plenary session today the Ambassadors continued to review the progress made so far by the Legal and Drafting Committee. —Reuter.



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New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 8.
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Several utilities moved against the trend. Among them was the day's most traded issue—Columbia Gas, up 1/4 at 113 1/2. Greyhound advanced 1/4 at 11 1/2.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express: 12 1/2
Alcoa: 3 1/2
American Can: 9 1/2
American Smelting: 40 1/2
American Telephone: 14 1/2
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Aviation Corporation: 4 1/2
Baltimore Locomotive: 11 1/2
Barnhart: 4 1/2
Beck's Aviation: 5 1/2
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Borden: 40
Canadian Pacific: 12 1/2
J. I. Case: 23 1/2
Chrysler: 32
Coca-Cola: 32 1/2
Commercial Solvents: 17 1/2
Cotton: 60 1/2
Du Pont: 101
Eastman Kodak: 45 1/2
Electric Light & Power: 4 1/2
General Electric: 37 1/2
General Motors: 58 1/2
Goodyear: 42
Hummel: 40 1/2
International Harvester: 24 1/2
International Paper: 14 1/2
International Tel. & Tel.: 10 1/2
Johns-Manville: 34
Kaiser Steel: 45 1/2
Kaiser Aluminum: 10 1/2
National Distillers: 18 1/2
National Lead: 27 1/2
New York Central: 11 1/2
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Pan-American Airways: 10 1/2
Pennsylvania RR: 10 1/2
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Standard Brands: 18 1/2
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Associated Press.

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Tariff Talks By 36 Countries

Geneva, April 8.
The most extensive tariff negotiations in the history of world trade are to open in the near-by French town of Annecy on April 11.

Delegations from 36 countries will meet to negotiate individual tariff concessions with each other.

The talks among 600 delegates are expected to continue for at least three months, and may result in more than 300 separate tariff agreements.

The negotiating countries comprise two groups, one of 23 countries which have already concluded tariff agreements with each other, and another 13 countries which are newcomers.

The original 23 met at Geneva in 1947 and drew up tariff agreements among themselves covering two-thirds of the world's trade. In addition to the 123 individual bilateral agreements, the participating countries also signed an overall tariff and trade agreement.

This agreement, known as the "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade", became a forerunner of the World Trade Charter signed by 53 nations at Havana.

The Havana Charter seems unlikely to come into force for some time, and the Geneva agreement remains the only legal instrument at the moment establishing the so-called "most-favoured nation" principle in tariffs.

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H.K. Lands 50 1/2
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SHIP	FROM	DUE
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"BENCRUACHAN"	U.K. via Singapore	Abt. 12th April
"BENCRUACHAN"	U.K.	2nd half Apr.
"BENCRUACHAN"	U.K.	Early May
"BENCRUACHAN"	U.K.	1st half May
"BENCRUACHAN"	U.K.	2nd half May

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	Abt. 10th April
"BENCRUACHAN"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hull	Abt. 15th April
"BENCRUACHAN"	Genoa, London, Hull & Leth.	Abt. end April
"BENCRUACHAN"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	Abt. 1st half May

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